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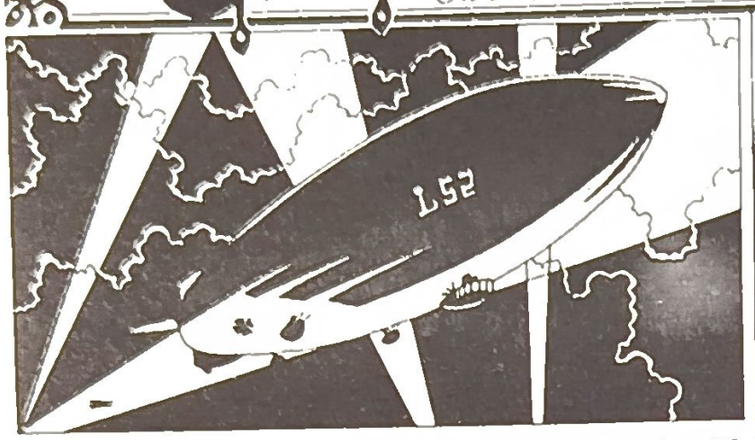
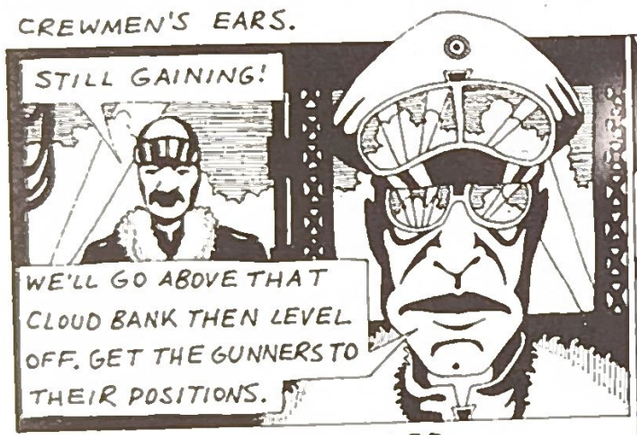
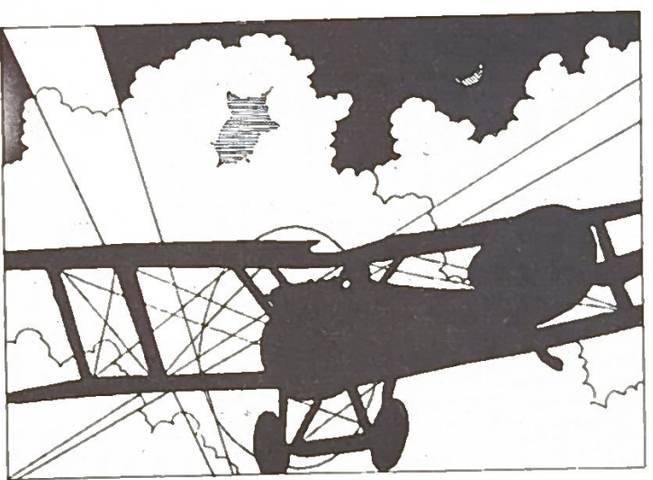
1917: IN THE NIGHT SKIES OVER ENGLAND, THE GERMAN ZEPPELIN, LS2, HAVING JUST COMPLETED A BOMBING RAID, DESPERATELY ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE A PERSUING BRITISH PLANE.

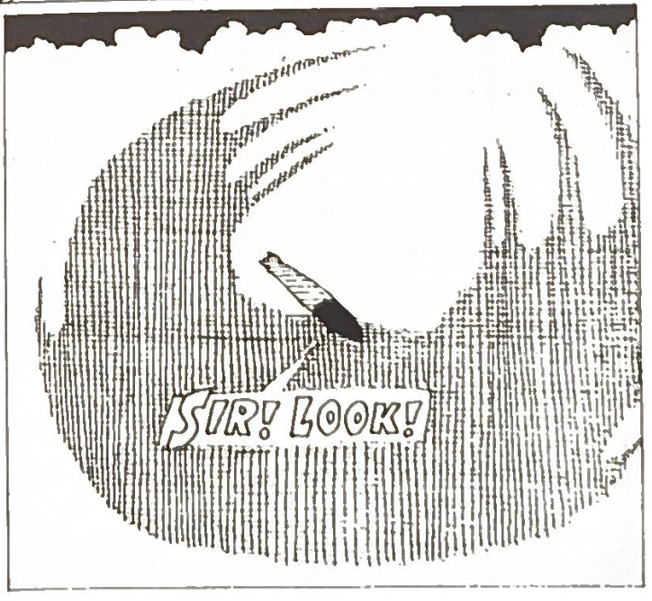


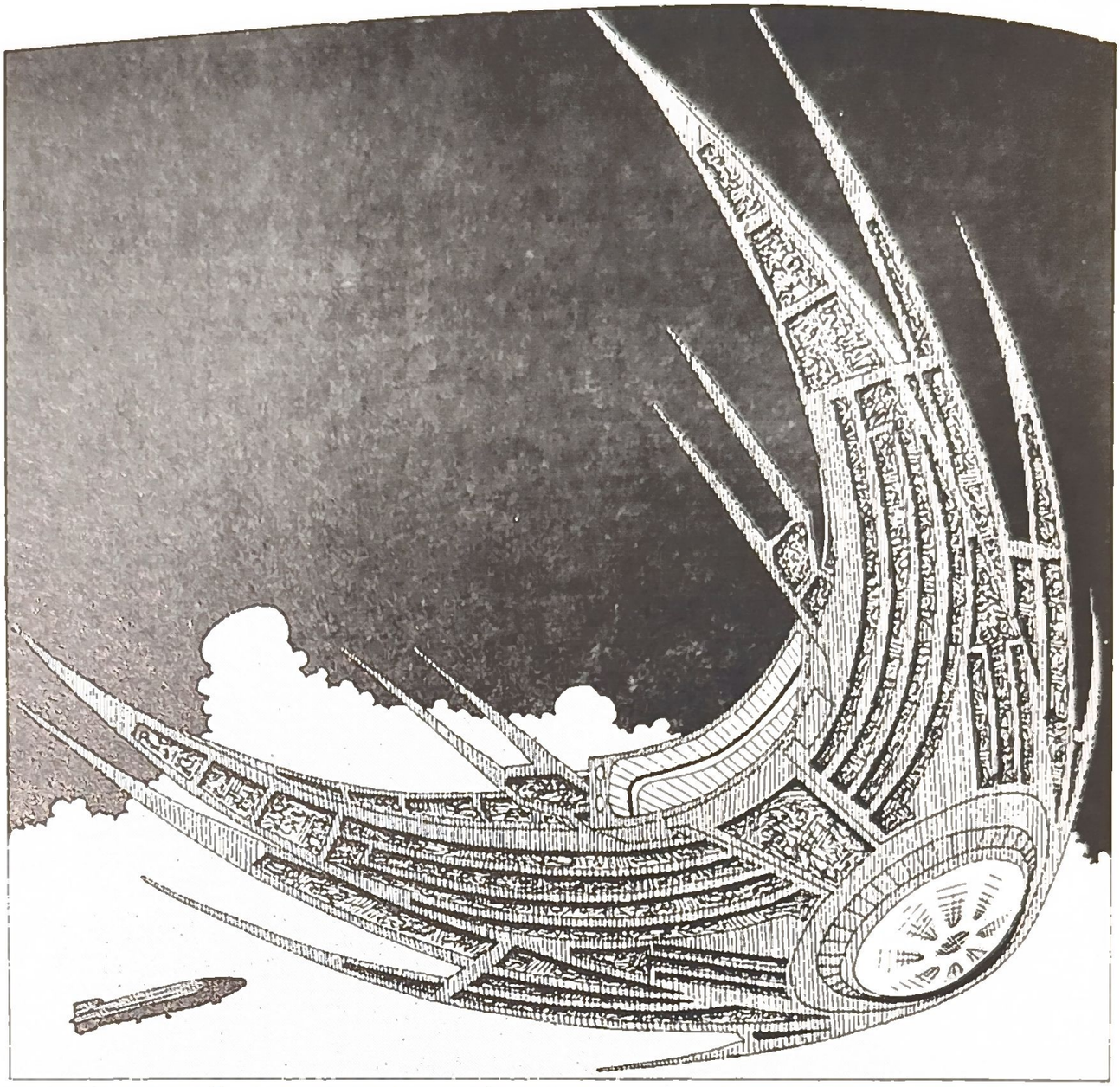
CAPTAIN STASMAN KNEW IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE HIS SHIP WAS SHOT DOWN. THE BRITISH SOPWITH CAMELS COULD OUTRUN A ZEPPELIN AND COULD CLIMB ALMOST AS HIGH. TO ESCAPE IT WAS NECESSARY TO ASCEND TO HEIGHTS THAT MADE IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO BREATH AND OFTEN WOULD MAKE BLOOD FLOW FROM THE CREWMEN'S EARS.



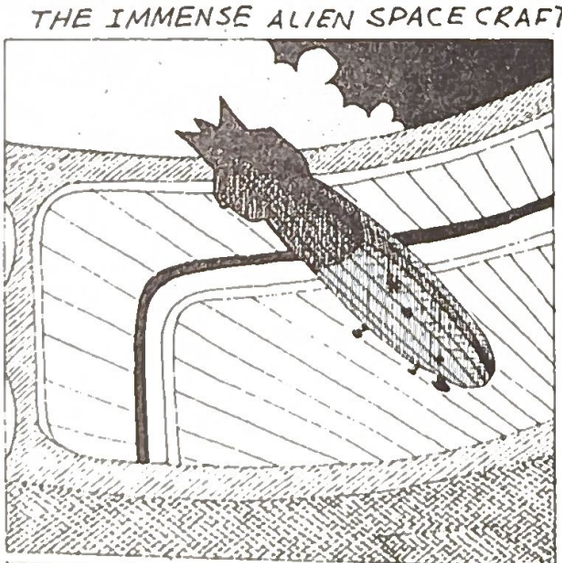


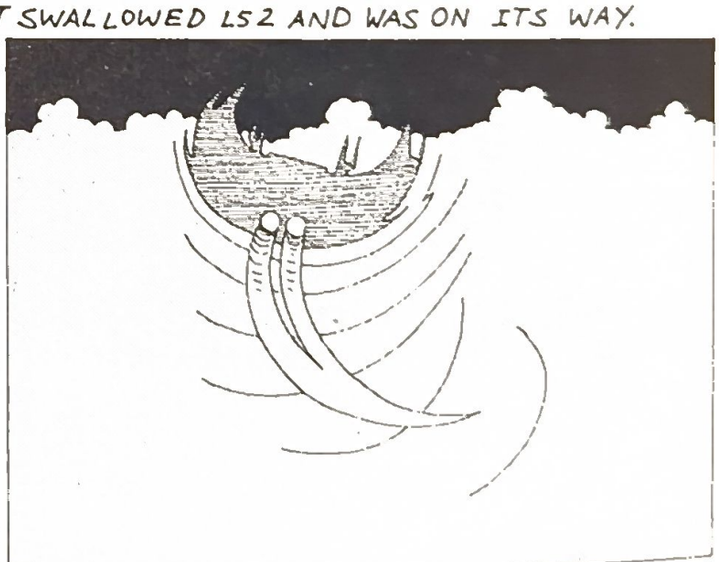
LS2 MOMENTARILY ELUDED THE SOPWITH CAMEL.





THE IMMENSE ALIEN SPACE CRAFT SWALLOWED LS2 AND WAS ON ITS WAY.





THE BRITISH PLANE WAS LEFT ALONE AND CONFUSED.

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CAPTAIN STASMAN WAS CALLED INTO THE ALIEN COMMANDER'S QUARTERS.

CAPTAIN, MY PEOPLE WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS TO EARTHLINGS. WE'RE JUST OBSERVING. YOU SAW US BEFORE WE HAD TIME TO ESCAPE, THAT'S WHY I TOOK YOU ABOARD. NOW, WHAT WILL BUY THE SILENCE OF YOU AND YOUR CREW.

I WANT TO WIN THIS WAR FOR MY PEOPLE. I NEED A WEAPON.

OUT OF THE QUESTION. THE MOST BASIC OF OUR WEAPONS WOULD CONQUER THE EARTH IN A MATTER OF DAYS.

VERY WELL... THEN AN ENGINE. I WANT OUR AIRCRAFT TO MOVE FARTHER AND FASTER THAN OUR ENEMIES!

DONE.

THE LSZ WAS RELEASED WITH THE ALIEN ENGINE ABOARD.

IN THE NEXT 6 MONTHS, CAPTAIN STASMAN AND HIS CREW WORKED IN SECRET ON A NEW AIRCRAFT WHICH STASMAN DESIGNED HIMSELF. WHEN IT WAS FINISHED HE NOTIFIED THE GERMAN NAVY, ARMY AND THE PRESS TO WITNESS THE FIRST FLIGHT OF THE AIRCRAFT THAT WOULD WIN THE WAR FOR GERMANY...

... "DER KRIEGSVOGEL"

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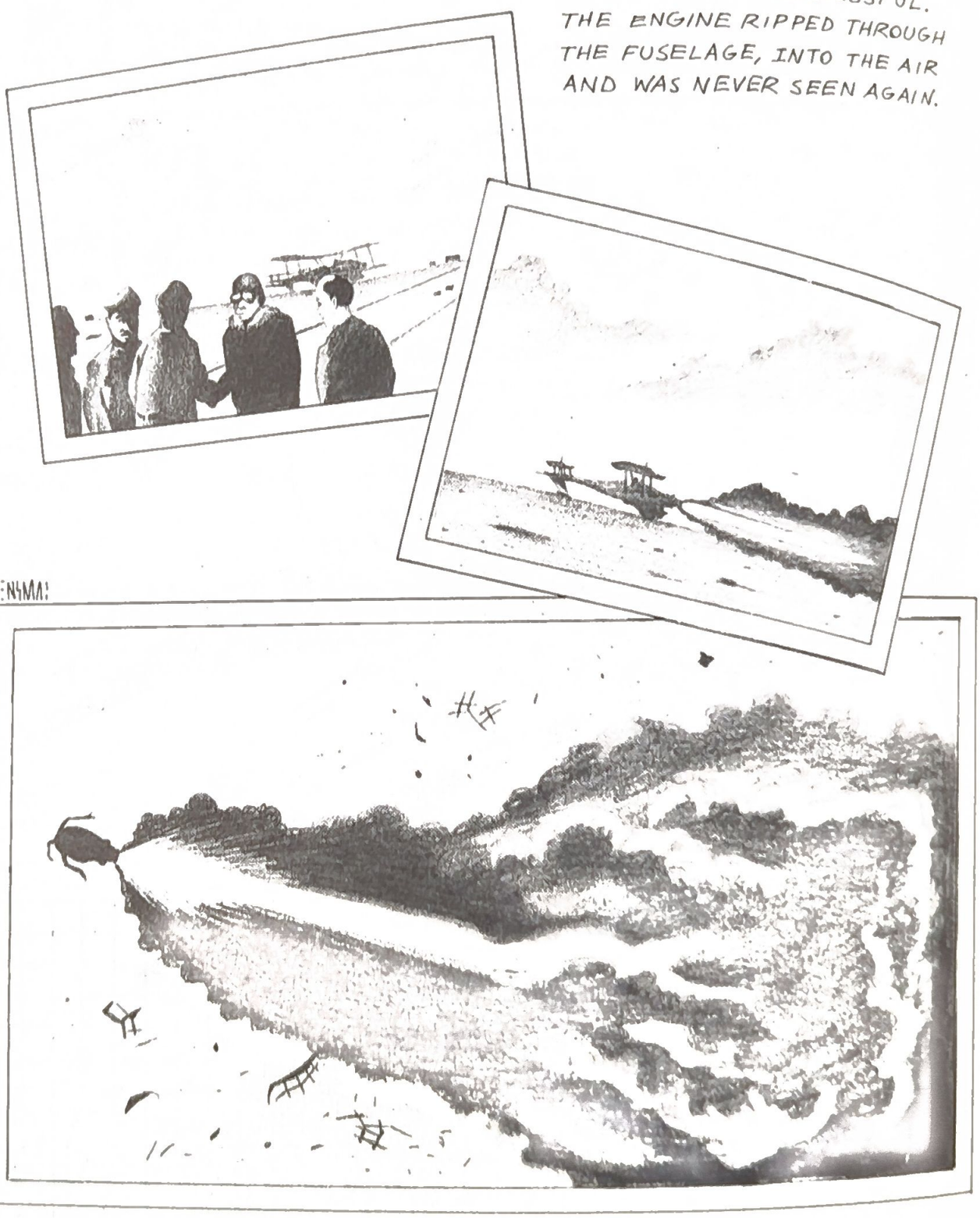
CAPTAIN STASMAN PILOTED THE AIRCRAFT HIMSELF. THESE PHOTOS WERE MADE OF THE EVENT.

THE TEST WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. THE ENGINE RIPPED THROUGH THE FUSELAGE, INTO THE AIR AND WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN.



AMBITION IS AN IDOL ON WHOSE WINGS
GREAT MINDS ARE CARRY'D ONLY TO EXTREME;
TO BE SUBLIMELY GREAT, OR TO BE NOTHING.
--THOMAS SOUTHERNE

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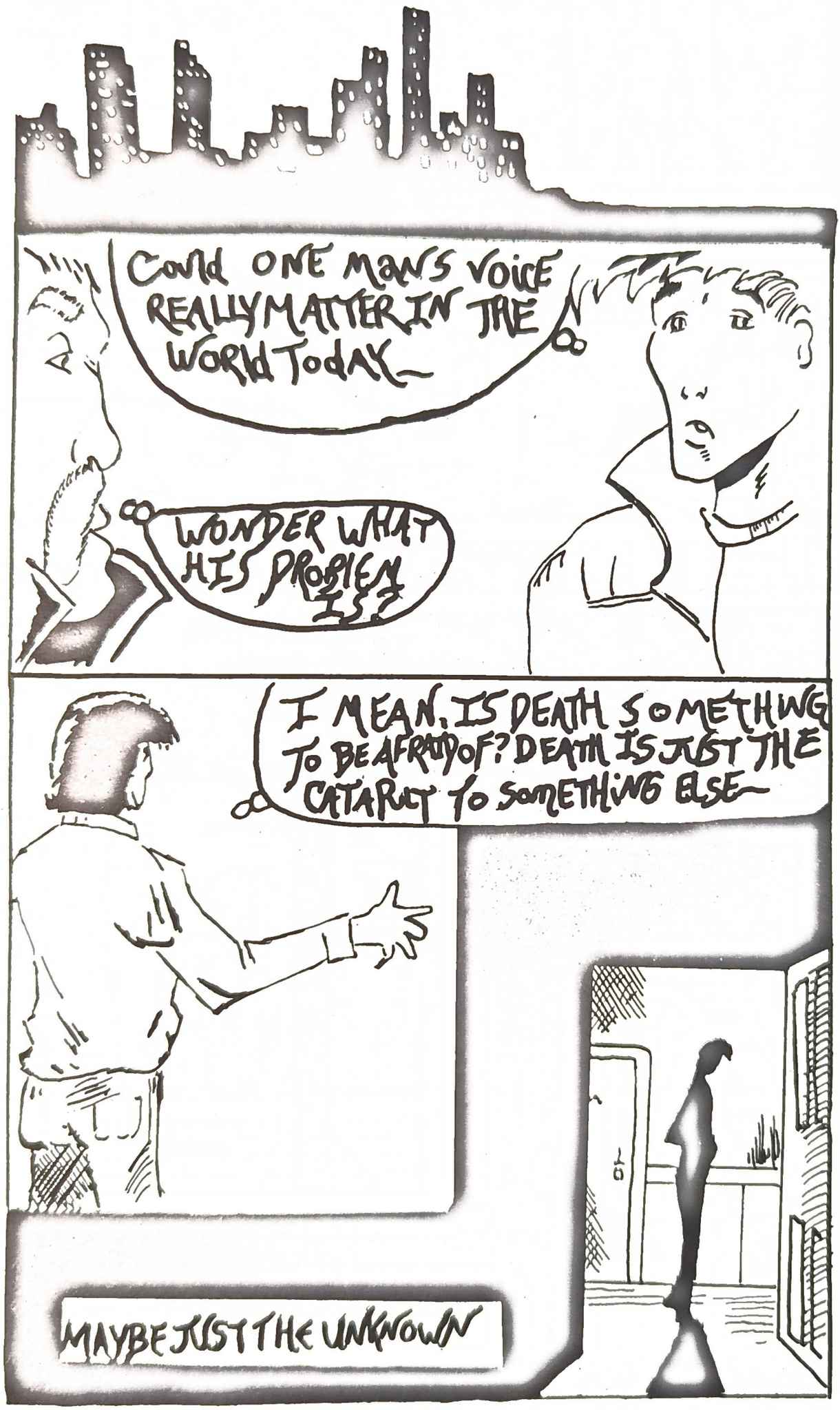
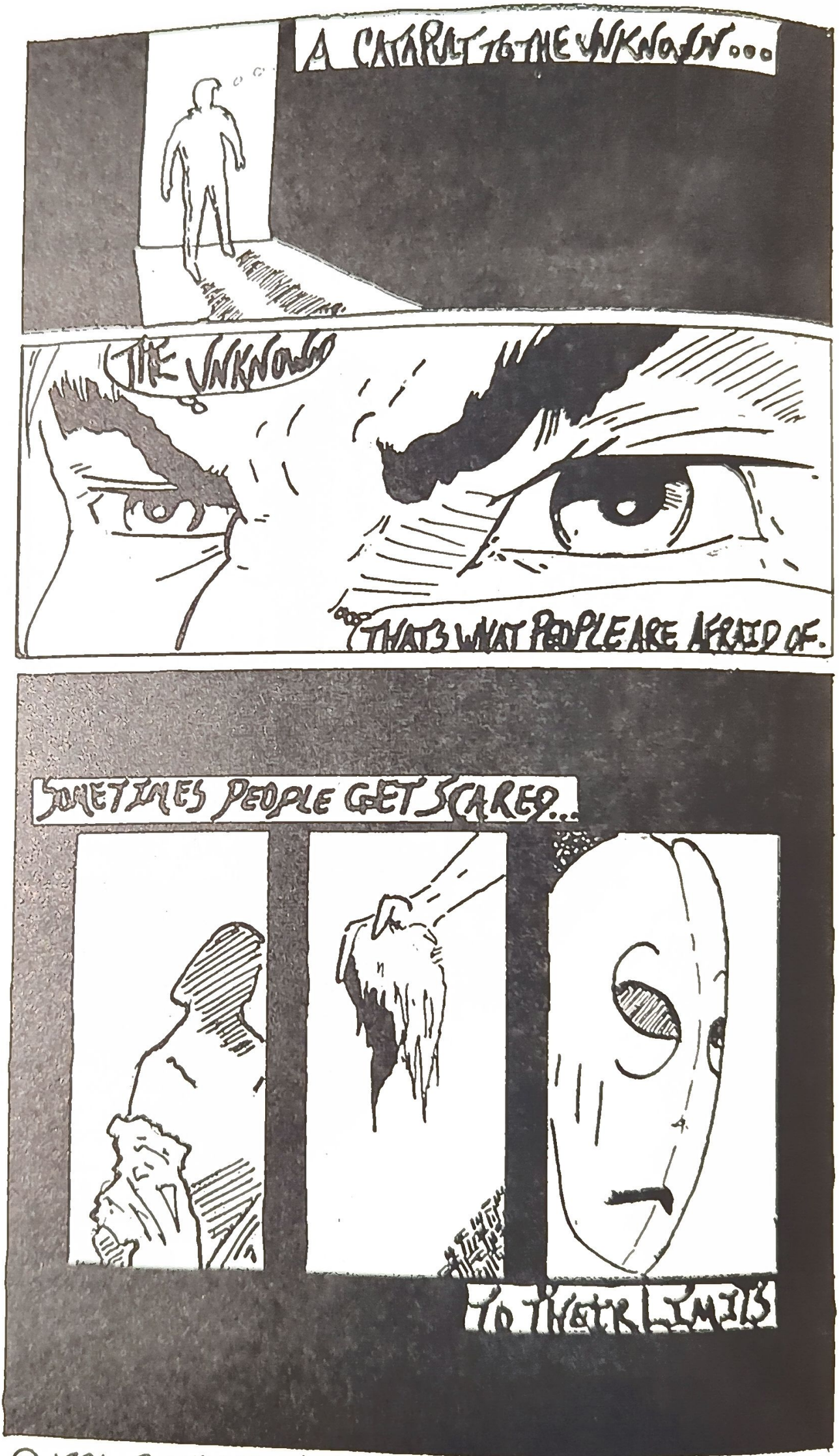
I GUESS SOME-TIMES LIFE'S A LOT BIGGER THAN I THINK IT IS-
ONE GUY DIES-IS NO BIG DEAL-
SIXTY THREE HOMICIDES IN DAYTON LAST YEAR, AND JOEY KILLED HIMSELF-


Could one man's voice really matter in the world today—
I wonder what his problem is?
I mean, is death something to be afraid of? Death is just the catapult to something else—
maybe just the unknown



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ELMO WIGGINS in "Parlor Games"
By MICHAEL NENO
LET'S SEE, I HAVE... UH...$7.00 LEFT.
GOING OUT OF BUSINESS!
HUH!?
THE JOHNSONS ARE GOING OUT OF BUSINESS!
BOOKS
RARE AND ANTIQU
BUY SELL AND TRA
SALE GOING OUT OF BUSINESS
JOHNSON'S BOOK STORE
WHAT'S HAPPENING? WE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS!
HUH, I'VE BEEN PUTTING UP FLIERS ALL WEEK LONG.
I'VE BEEN OUT OF TOWN, I DIDN'T KNOW.
WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN?
WELL, IT'S BEEN GETTING WORSE FOR A LONG TIME. THERE JUST AREN'T ENOUGH PEOPLE READING BOOKS ANY MORE TO KEEP THIS SHOP IN BUSINESS.
THERE'S ALWAYS A SMALL GROUP OF FRIENDS AND LOYAL CUSTOMERS LIKE YOU WHO COME IN AND BUY BOOKS, BUT MOST PEOPLE WHO CALL OR COME IN ARE JUST TRYING TO SELL THEIR OLD BOOKS.
WE JUST CAN'T AFFORD THE RENT ANYMORE.
I FEEL SICK. YOU HAD THE BEST USED BOOK STORE IN TOWN.
WE SACRIFICED FOR YEARS TO GET THIS SHOP STARTED, AND WE KEPT ON SACRIFICING WHILE WE RAN IT. IF WE DIDN'T LOVE LITERATURE SO MUCH, WE WOULD HAVE GIVEN UP A LONG TIME AGO.
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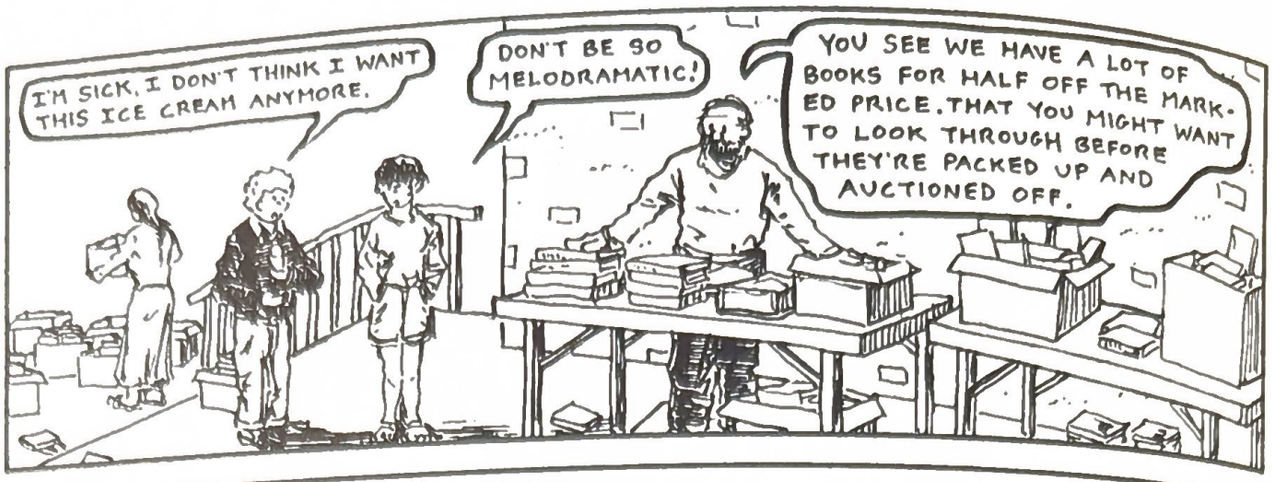
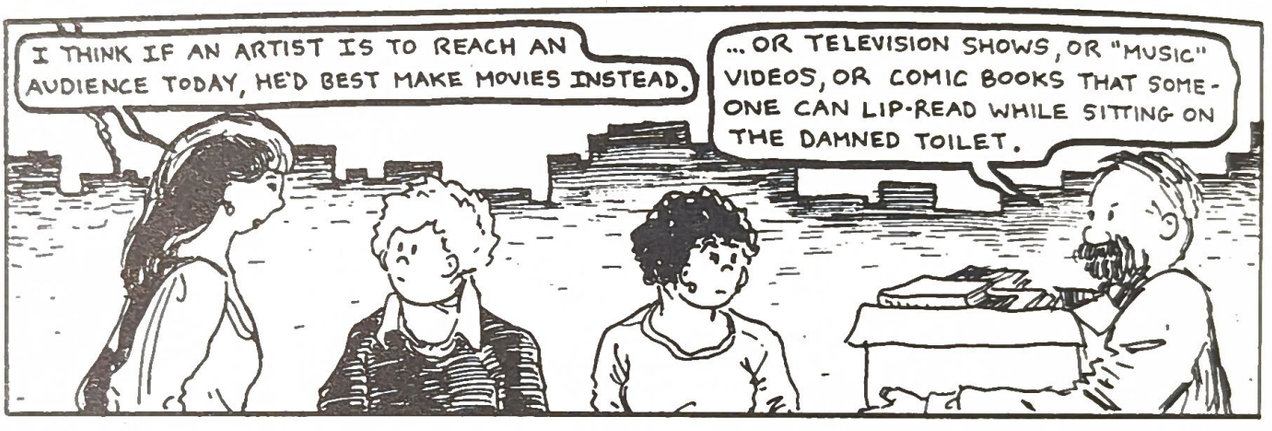

I'M SICK, I DON'T THINK I WANT THIS ICE CREAM ANYMORE.
DON'T BE SO MELODRAMATIC!
YOU SEE WE HAVE A LOT OF BOOKS FOR HALF OFF THE MARKED PRICE. THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO LOOK THROUGH BEFORE THEY'RE PACKED UP AND AUCTIONED OFF.

BUT I FEEL SO BAD ABOUT ALL THIS - I'D FEEL GUILTY BUYING ANY.
ME, TOO.
WELL, WE'VE GOT TO FACE THE FACT THAT WE'RE LIVING IN A POST-LITERATE CULTURE NOW. IMAGES ARE NOW MORE IMPORTANT THAN WORDS.


I THINK IF AN ARTIST IS TO REACH AN AUDIENCE TODAY, HE'D BEST MAKE MOVIES INSTEAD.
... OR TELEVISION SHOWS, OR "MUSIC" VIDEOS, OR COMIC BOOKS THAT SOMEONE CAN LIP-READ WHILE SITTING ON THE DAMNED TOILET.

AREN'T YOU BEING A TAD CYNICAL?
ELMO, THOSE ARE THE ONLY THINGS THAT SELL, THE ONLY ART FORMS THAT THIS GENERATION HAS ANY INTEREST IN OR THE ATTENTION SPAN FOR.

I DON'T KNOW, MAYBE YOU GUYS ARE RIGHT.
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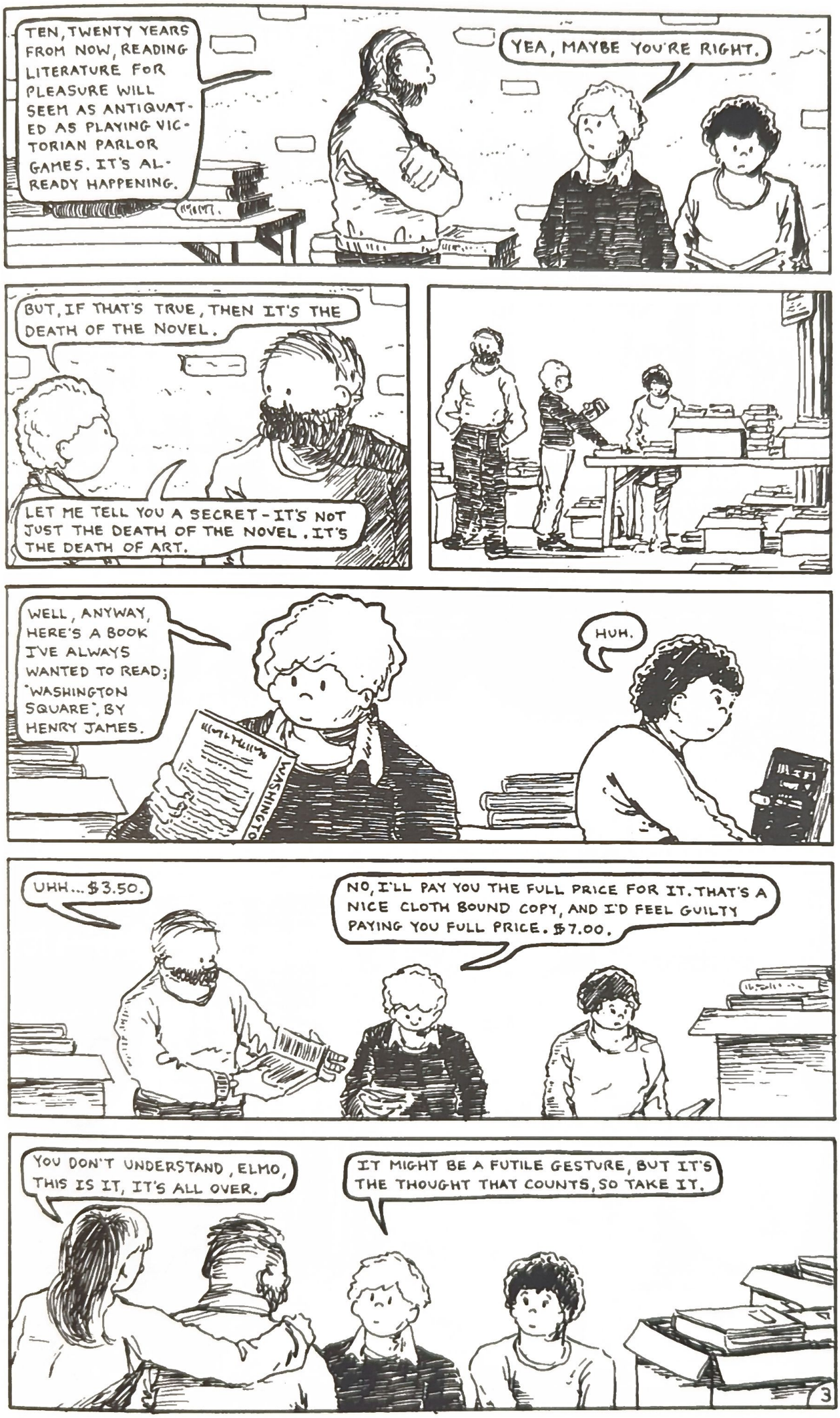
TEN, TWENTY YEARS FROM NOW, READING LITERATURE FOR PLEASURE WILL SEEM AS ANTIQUATED AS PLAYING VICTORIAN PARLOR GAMES. IT'S ALREADY HAPPENING.
YEA, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT.
BUT, IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN IT'S THE DEATH OF THE NOVEL.
LET ME TELL YOU A SECRET - IT'S NOT JUST THE DEATH OF THE NOVEL. IT'S THE DEATH OF ART.
WELL, ANYWAY, HERE'S A BOOK I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO READ; "WASHINGTON SQUARE", BY HENRY JAMES.
WASHINGTO
HUH.
UHH... $3.50.
NO, I'LL PAY YOU THE FULL PRICE FOR IT. THAT'S A NICE CLOTH BOUND COPY, AND I'D FEEL GUILTY PAYING YOU FULL PRICE. $7.00.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, ELMO, THIS IS IT, IT'S ALL OVER.
IT MIGHT BE A FUTILE GESTURE, BUT IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS, SO TAKE IT.
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IS THAT IT?
SELL
SALE
JOHNSONS
ALL CLEANED OUT. I GUESS THIS IS IT.
JOHNSONS BOOK TORE
HOURS
CLICK
I DON'T KNOW, I GUESS WE'LL SEE YOU AROUND.
THANK YOU, MYRA, ELMO.
GEE, I REALLY HATE TO SEE THAT PLACE GO.
YEAH... I GUESS YOU DON'T REALLY APPRECIATE SOMETHING YOU CARE ABOUT UNTIL IT'S GONE FOREVER.
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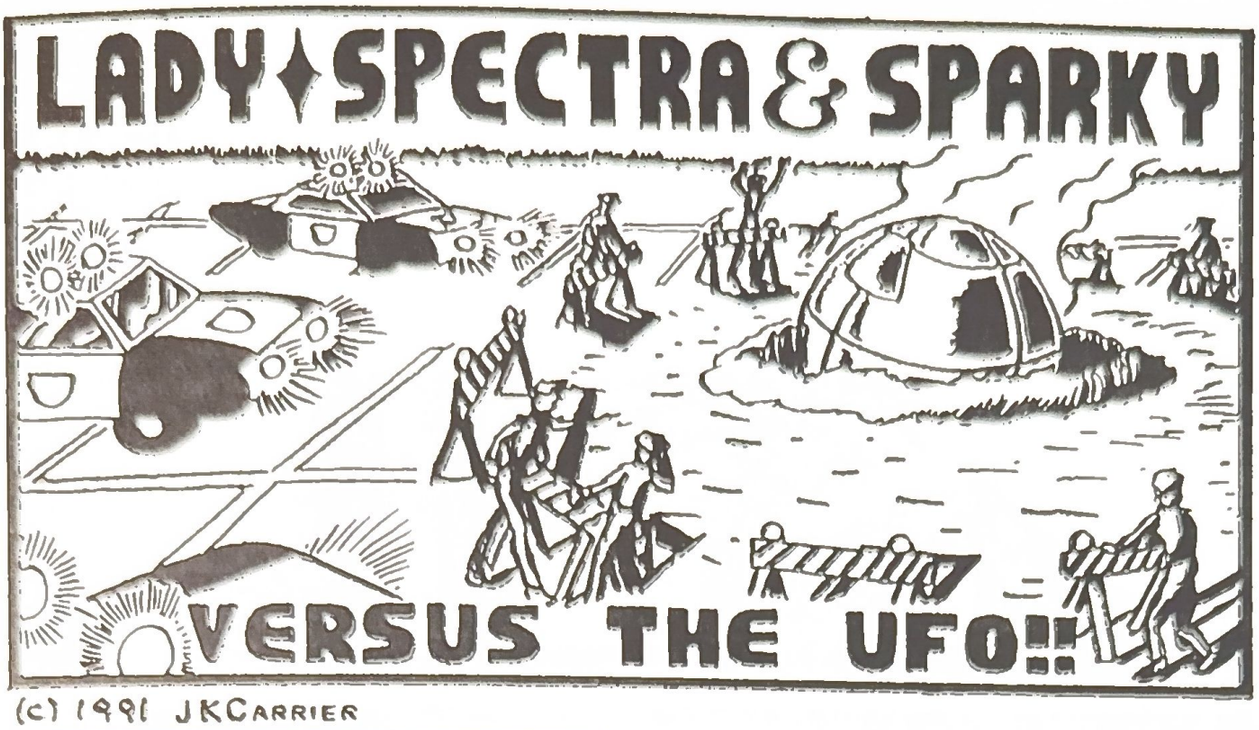

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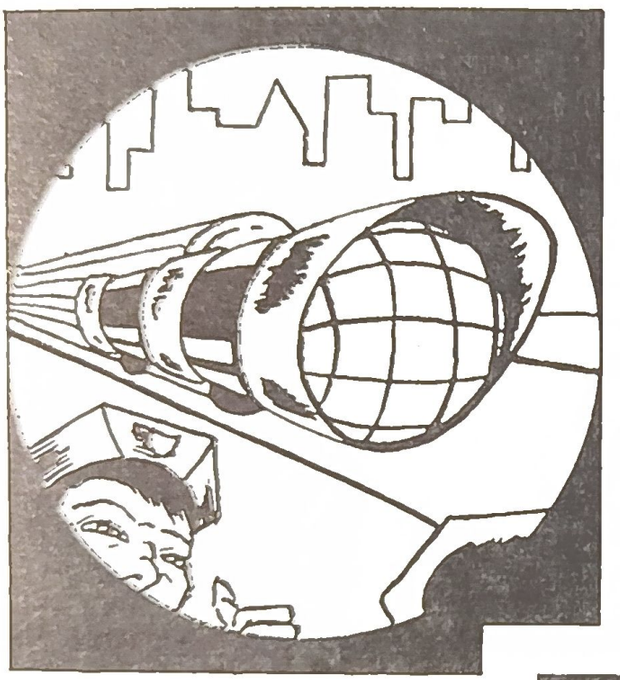

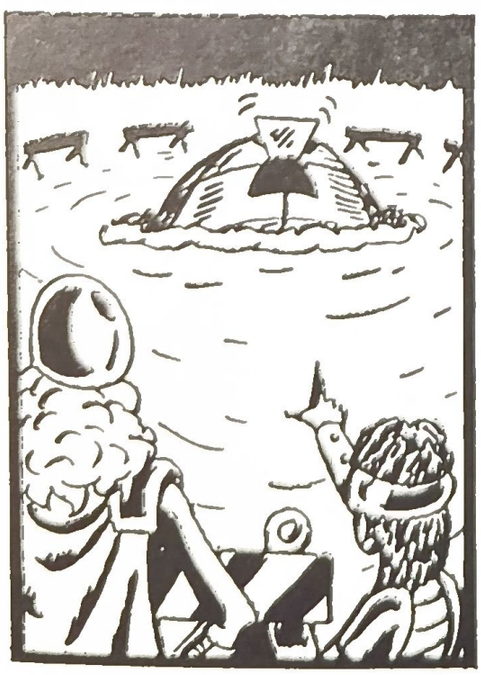

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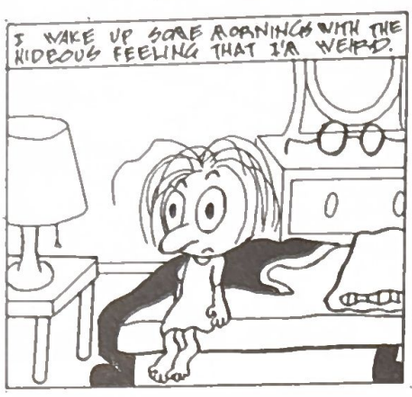

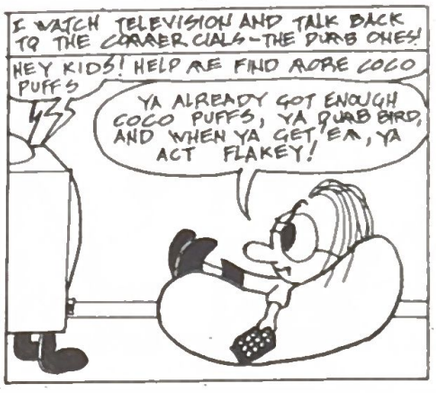

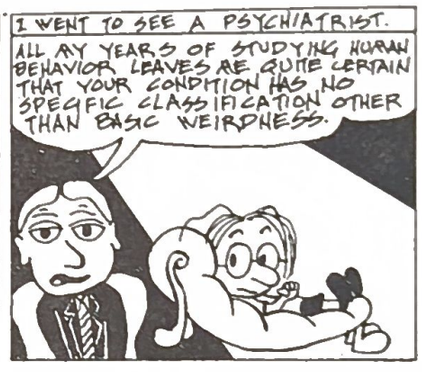

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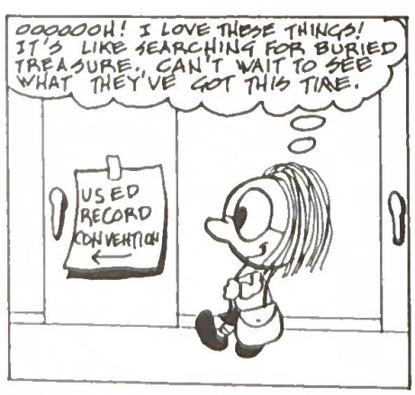
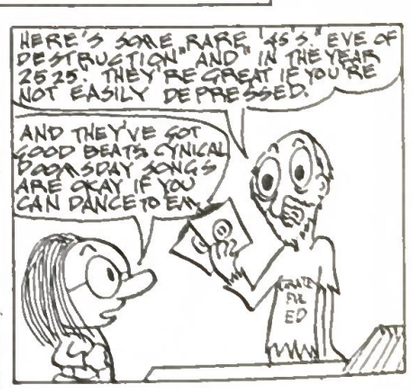
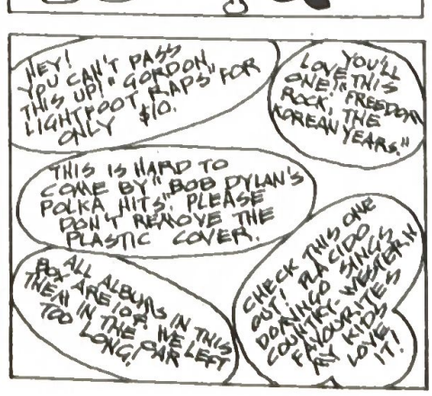


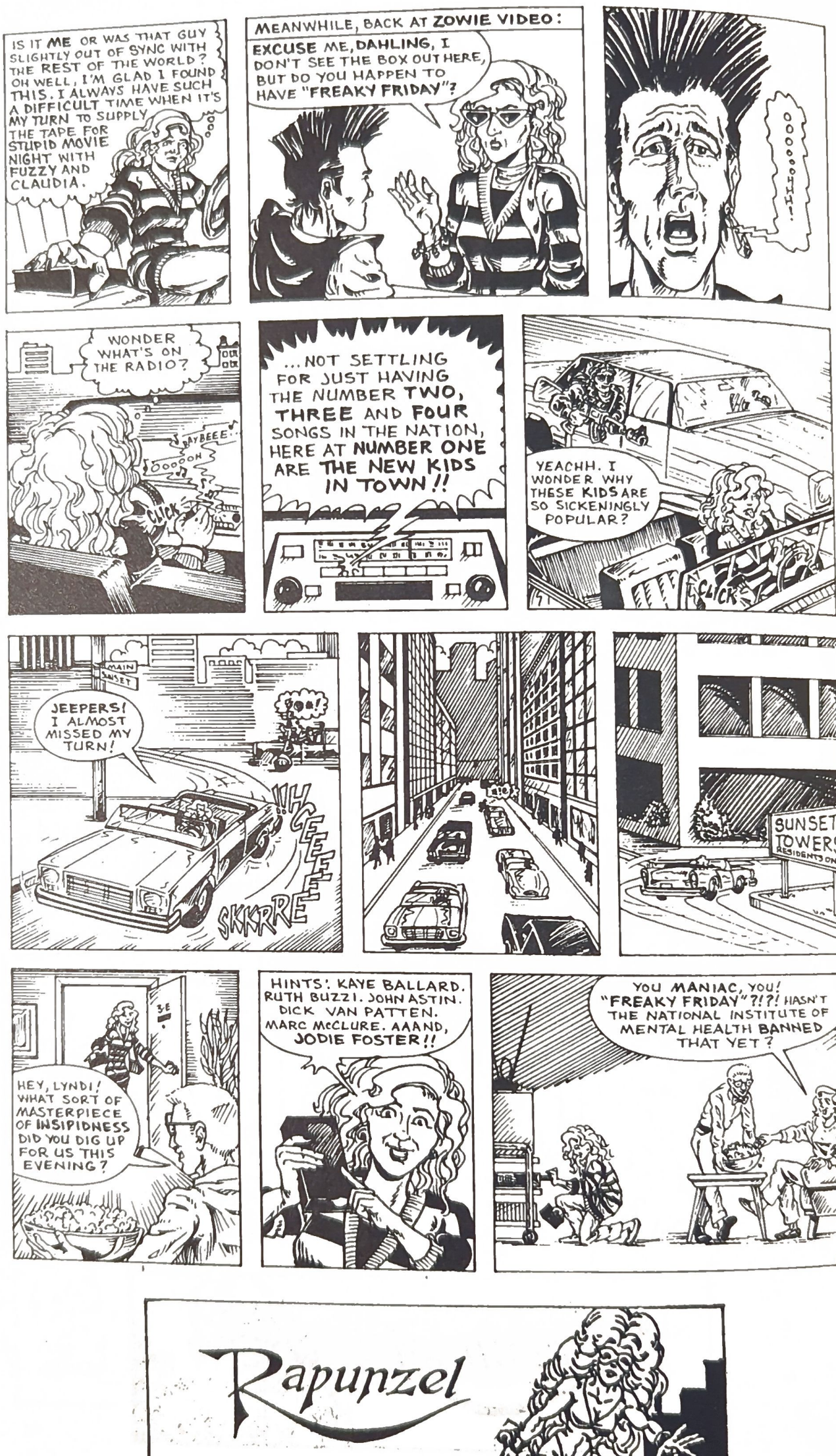


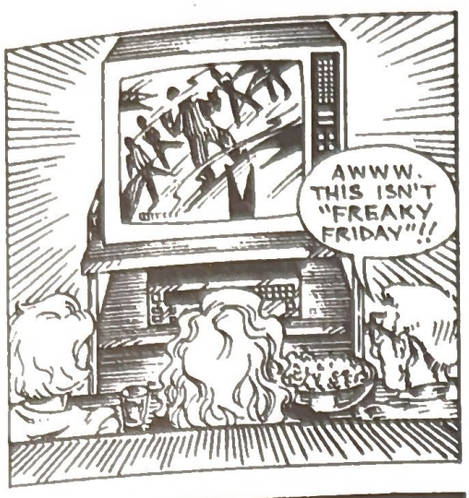


Rapunzel

WITH CLAUDIA THUDD and FUZZY DICE

in: "None of this would have happened if I'd only rented a SPIELBERG FILM!"

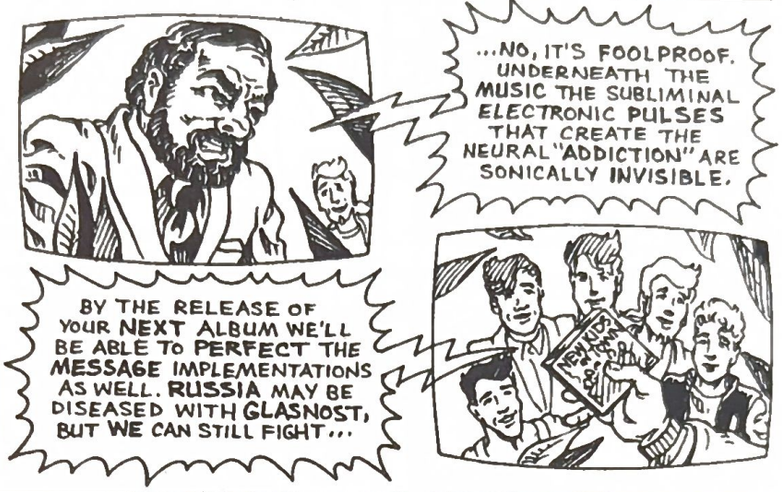

IS IT ME OR WAS THAT GUY SLIGHTLY OUT OF SYNC WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD? OH WELL, I'M GLAD I FOUND THIS. I ALWAYS HAVE SUCH A DIFFICULT TIME WHEN IT'S MY TURN TO SUPPLY THE TAPE FOR STUPID MOVIE NIGHT WITH FUZZY AND CLAUDIA.
MEANWHILE, BACK AT ZOWIE VIDEO:
EXCUSE ME, DAHLING, I DON'T SEE THE BOX OUT HERE, BUT DO YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE "FREAKY FRIDAY"?
WONDER WHAT'S ON THE RADIO?
BAYBEEE!
OOOOOH
CLICK
...NOT SETTLING FOR JUST HAVING THE NUMBER TWO, THREE AND FOUR SONGS IN THE NATION, HERE AT NUMBER ONE ARE THE NEW KIDS IN TOWN!!
YEACHH. I WONDER WHY THESE KIDS ARE SO SICKENINGLY POPULAR?
CLICK
MAIN
SUNSET
JEEPERS! I ALMOST MISSED MY TURN!
VOOM!
!!HCEEEE
SKKRRE
SUNSET TOWERS
RESIDENTS ONLY
3E
HEY, LYNDI! WHAT SORT OF MASTERPIECE OF INSIPIDNESS DID YOU DIG UP FOR US THIS EVENING?
HINTS: KAYE BALLARD. RUTH BUZZI. JOHN ASTIN. DICK VAN PATTEN. MARC McCLURE. AAAND, JODIE FOSTER!!
YOU MANIAC, YOU! "FREAKY FRIDAY"?!?! HASN'T THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH BANNED THAT YET?
Rapunzel


AWWW. THIS ISN'T "FREAKY FRIDAY"!!

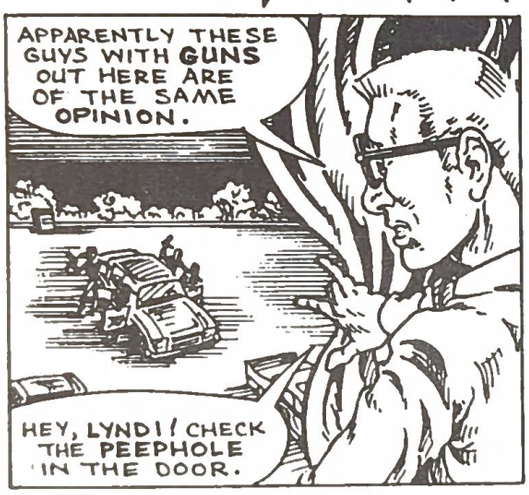
8-15-90 10:00 AM

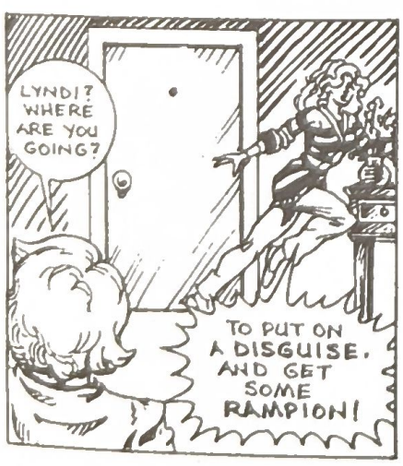
OH NO! WE GOT SLIPPED A MISLABELED "NEW KIDS IN TOWN" VIDEO!

WAIT A MINUTE. THOSE ARE THE "NEW KIDS" ALL RIGHT. BUT THIS OBVIOUSLY ISN'T A COMMERCIALLY-RELEASED VIDEO. TURN IT UP. AND LET'S SEE WHAT THAT GUY'S SAYING.

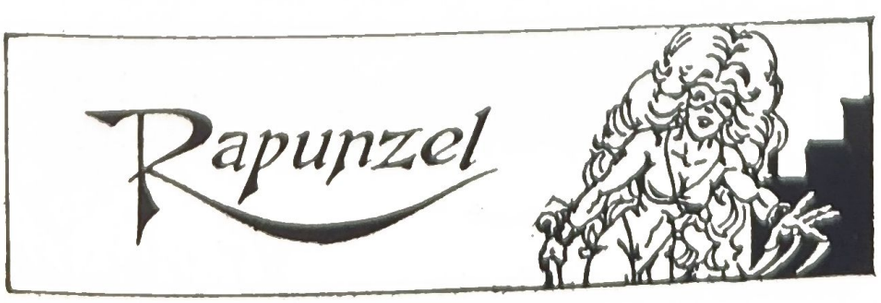

BY THE RELEASE OF YOUR NEXT ALBUM WE'LL BE ABLE TO PERFECT THE MESSAGE IMPLEMENTATIONS AS WELL. RUSSIA MAY BE DISEASED WITH GLASNOST, BUT WE CAN STILL FIGHT...
...NO, IT'S FOOLPROOF. UNDERNEATH THE MUSIC THE SUBLIMINAL ELECTRONIC PULSES THAT CREATE THE NEURAL "ADDICTION" ARE SONICALLY INVISIBLE.

OOH MY! I DON'T THINK WE WERE MEANT TO SEE THIS


APPARENTLY THESE GUYS WITH GUNS OUT HERE ARE OF THE SAME OPINION.
HEY, LYNDI! CHECK THE PEEPHOLE IN THE DOOR.


LYNDI? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO PUT ON A DISGUISE. AND GET SOME RAMPION!

CRUNCH!
MILK
COLA
YA KNOW, FOR AS MANY TEARS AS I SHED OVER THIS WEIRD MUTANT FOOD ALLERGY, IT SURE HAS GOTTEN ME OUT OF SOME PRETTY WILD JAMS.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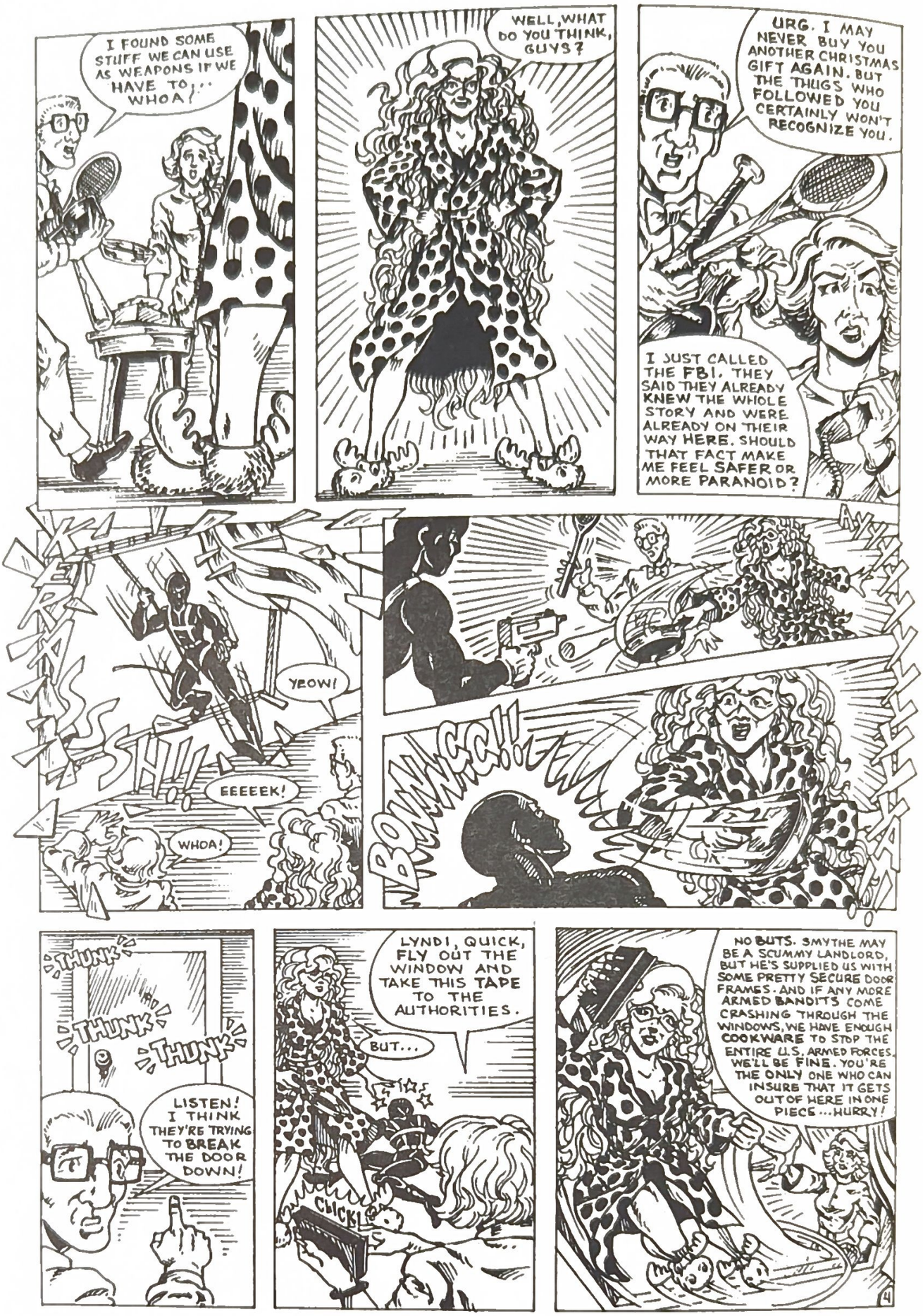
I FOUND SOME STUFF WE CAN USE AS WEAPONS IF WE HAVE TO... WHOA!
WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK, GUYS?
URG. I MAY NEVER BUY YOU ANOTHER CHRISTMAS GIFT AGAIN. BUT THE THUGS WHO FOLLOWED YOU CERTAINLY WON'T RECOGNIZE YOU.
I JUST CALLED THE FBI. THEY SAID THEY ALREADY KNEW THE WHOLE STORY AND WERE ALREADY ON THEIR WAY HERE. SHOULD THAT FACT MAKE ME FEEL SAFER OR MORE PARANOID?
YEOW!
EEEEEK!
WHOA!
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
LISTEN! I THINK THEY'RE TRYING TO BREAK THE DOOR DOWN!
LYNDI, QUICK, FLY OUT THE WINDOW AND TAKE THIS TAPE TO THE AUTHORITIES.
BUT...
CLICK!
NO BUTS. SMYTHE MAY BE A SCUMMY LANDLORD, BUT HE'S SUPPLIED US WITH SOME PRETTY SECURE DOOR FRAMES. AND IF ANY MORE ARMED BANDITS COME CRASHING THROUGH THE WINDOWS, WE HAVE ENOUGH COOKWARE TO STOP THE ENTIRE U.S. ARMED FORCES. WE'LL BE FINE. YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN INSURE THAT IT GETS OUT OF HERE IN ONE PIECE... HURRY!
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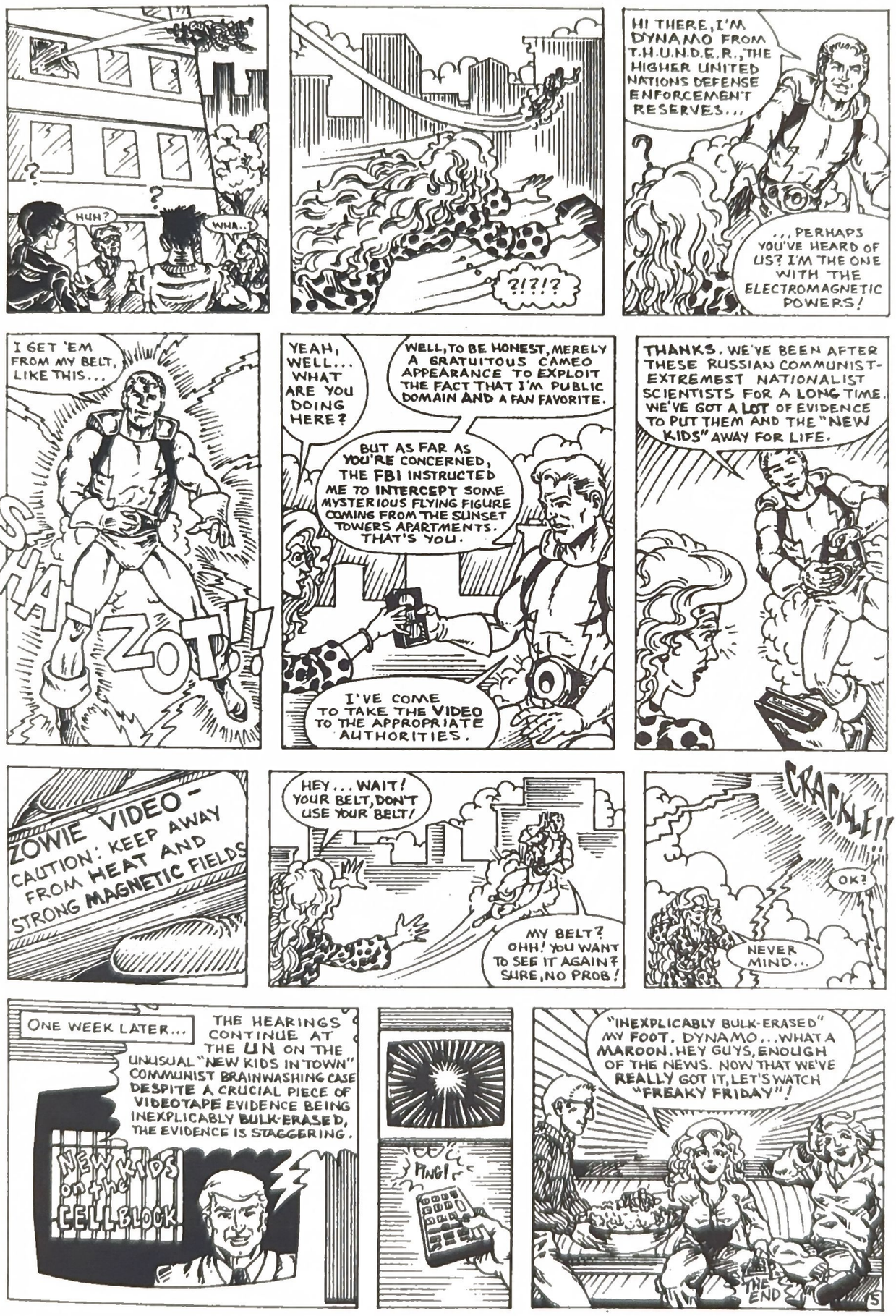
HUH?
WHA...
?!?!?
HI THERE, I'M DYNAMO FROM T.H.U.N.D.E.R., THE HIGHER UNITED NATIONS DEFENSE ENFORCEMENT RESERVES...
...PERHAPS YOU'VE HEARD OF US? I'M THE ONE WITH THE ELECTROMAGNETIC POWERS!
I GET 'EM FROM MY BELT, LIKE THIS...
ZA-ZOT!!
YEAH, WELL... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WELL, TO BE HONEST, MERELY A GRATUITOUS CAMEO APPEARANCE TO EXPLOIT THE FACT THAT I'M PUBLIC DOMAIN AND A FAN FAVORITE.
BUT AS FAR AS YOU'RE CONCERNED, THE FBI INSTRUCTED ME TO INTERCEPT SOME MYSTERIOUS FLYING FIGURE COMING FROM THE SUNSET TOWERS APARTMENTS. THAT'S YOU.
I'VE COME TO TAKE THE VIDEO TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.
THANKS. WE'VE BEEN AFTER THESE RUSSIAN COMMUNIST-EXTREMEST NATIONALIST SCIENTISTS FOR A LONG TIME. WE'VE GOT A LOT OF EVIDENCE TO PUT THEM AND THE "NEW KIDS" AWAY FOR LIFE.
ZOWIE VIDEO - CAUTION: KEEP AWAY FROM HEAT AND STRONG MAGNETIC FIELDS
HEY... WAIT! YOUR BELT, DON'T USE YOUR BELT!
MY BELT? OHH! YOU WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN? SURE, NO PROB!
CRACKLE!!
OK?
NEVER MIND...
ONE WEEK LATER...
THE HEARINGS CONTINUE AT THE UN ON THE UNUSUAL "NEW KIDS IN TOWN" COMMUNIST BRAINWASHING CASE DESPITE A CRUCIAL PIECE OF VIDEOTAPE EVIDENCE BEING INEXPLICABLY BULK-ERASED, THE EVIDENCE IS STAGGERING.
NEW KIDS on the CELLBLOCK
PING!
"INEXPLICABLY BULK-ERASED" MY FOOT, DYNAMO... WHAT A MAROON. HEY GUYS, ENOUGH OF THE NEWS. NOW THAT WE'VE REALLY GOT IT, LET'S WATCH "FREAKY FRIDAY"!
THE END
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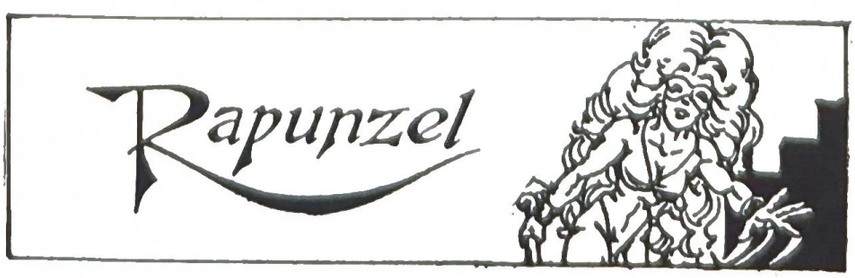
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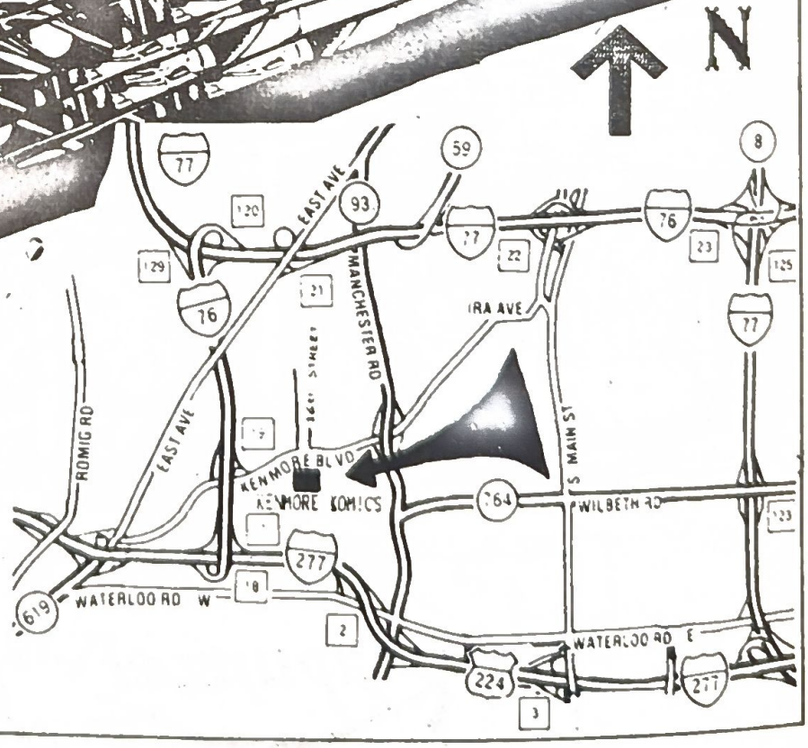

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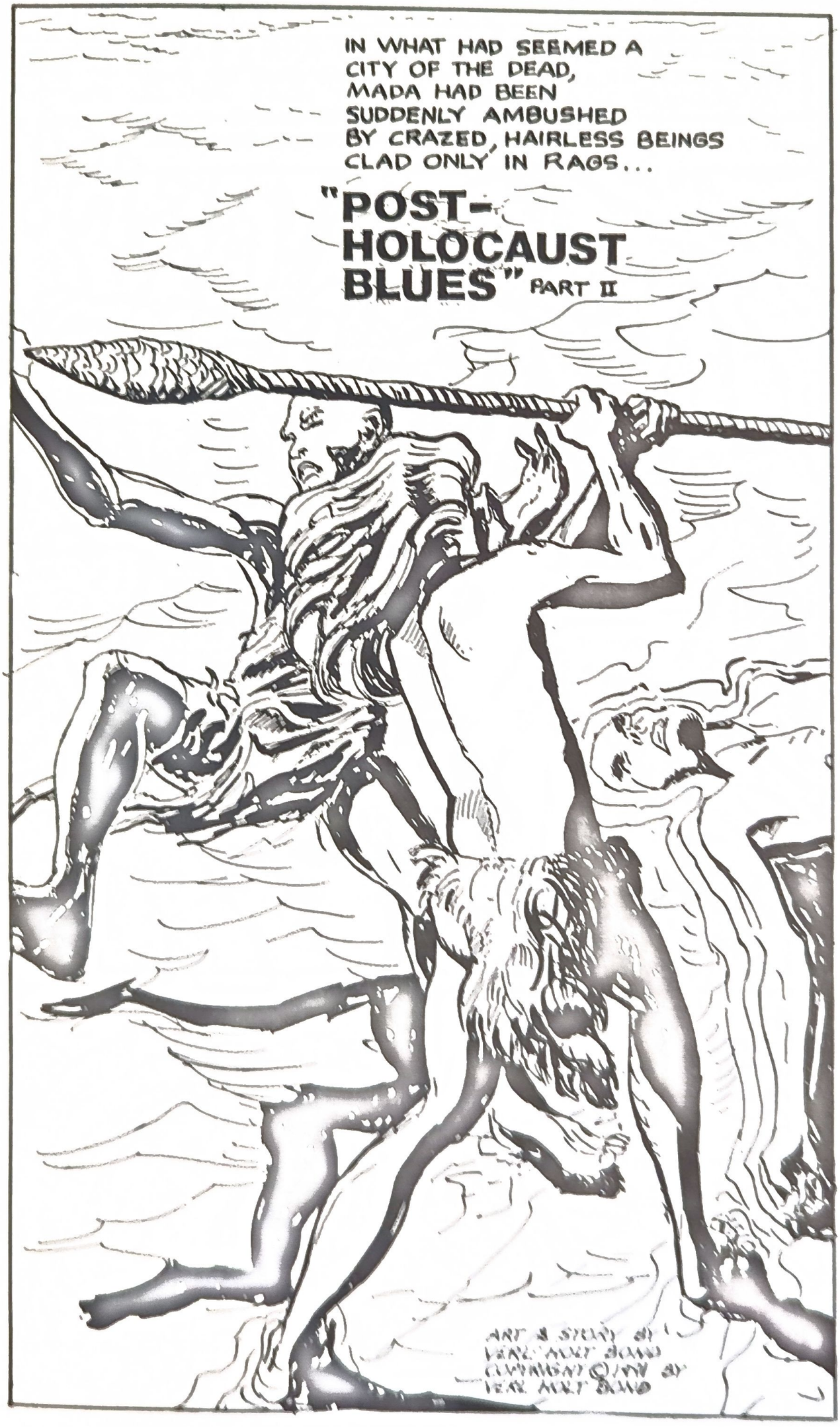
IN WHAT HAD SEEMED A CITY OF THE DEAD, MADA HAD BEEN SUDDENLY AMBUSHED BY CRAZED, HAIRLESS BEINGS CLAD ONLY IN RAGS...
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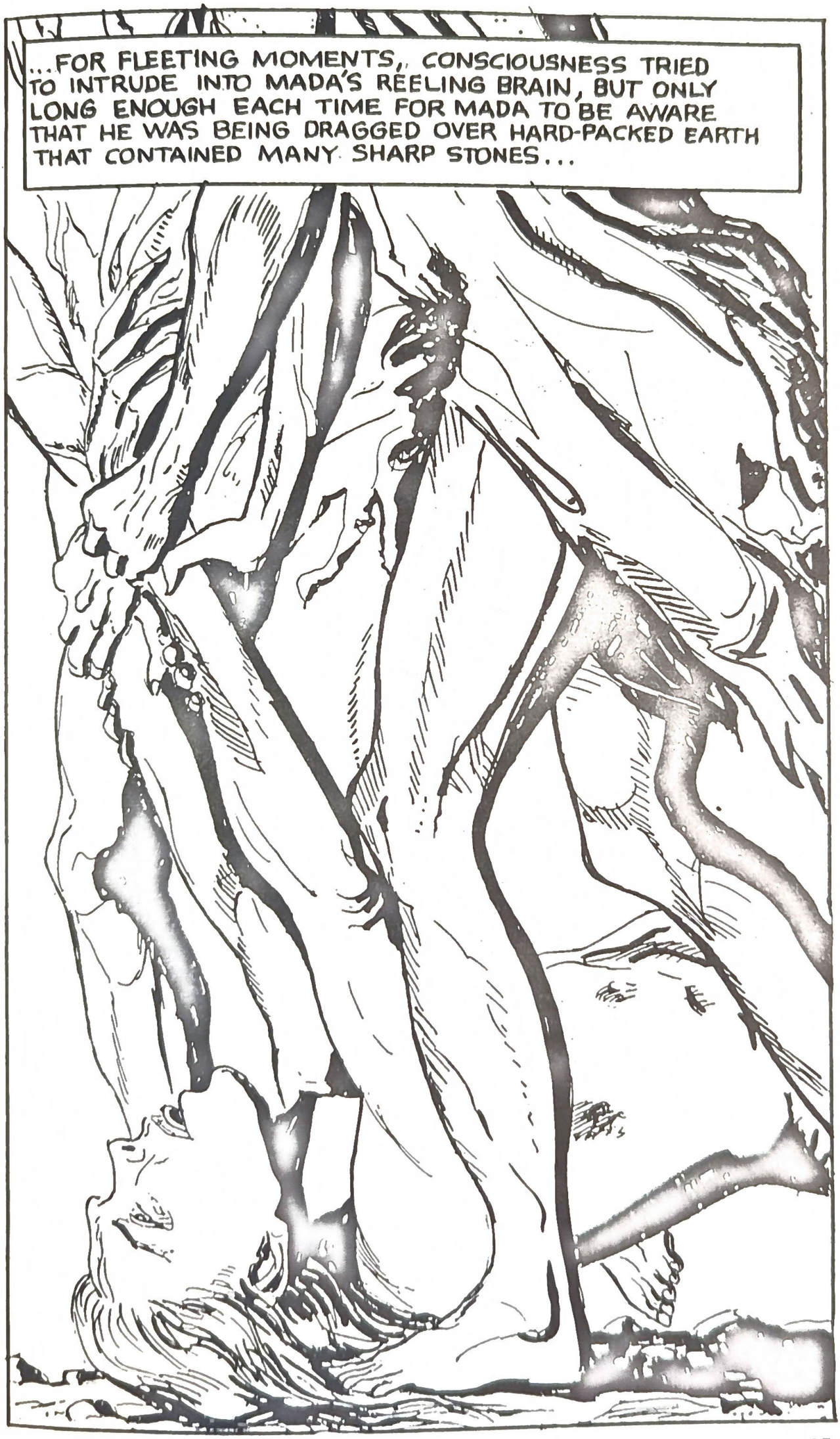
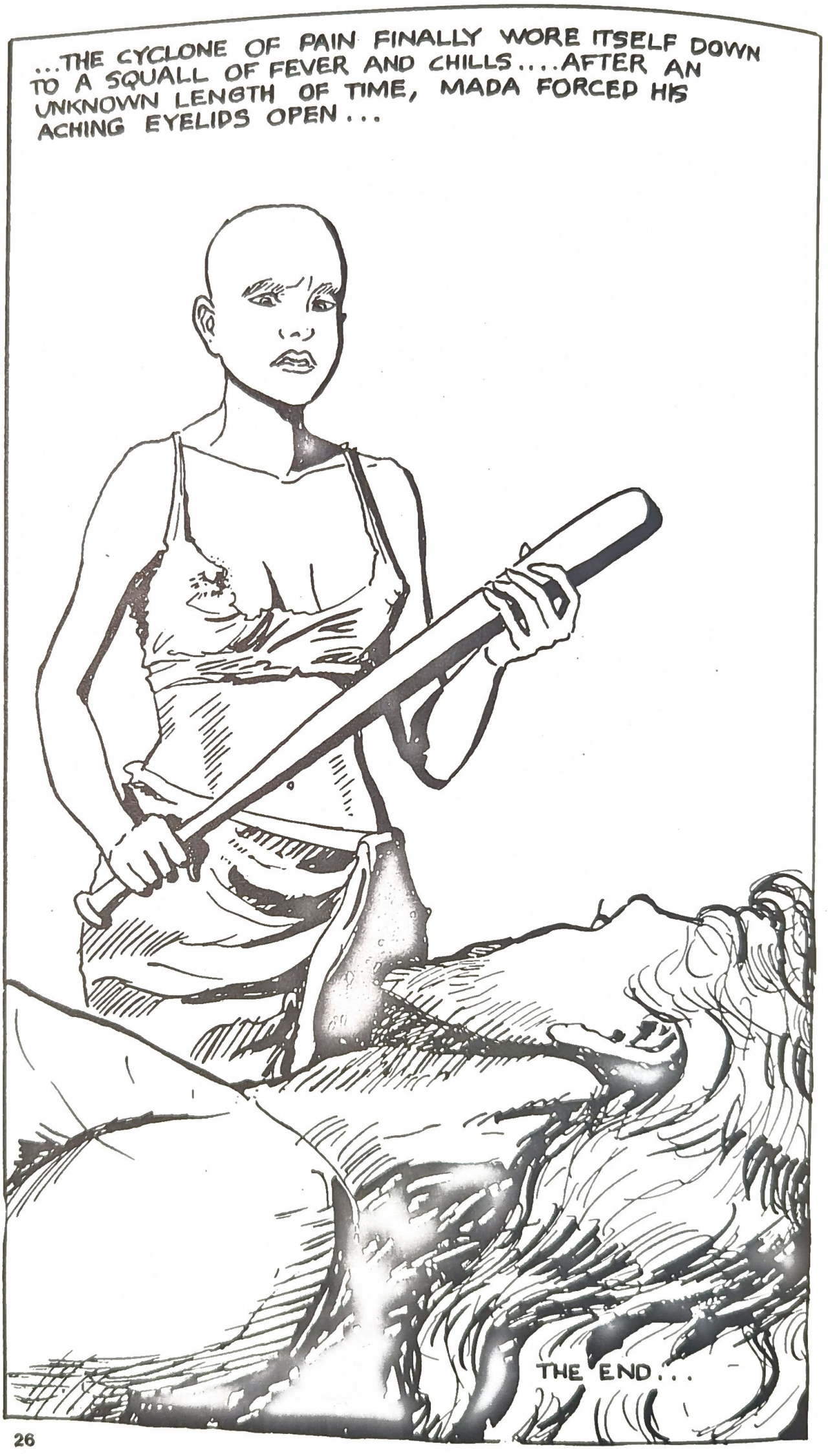
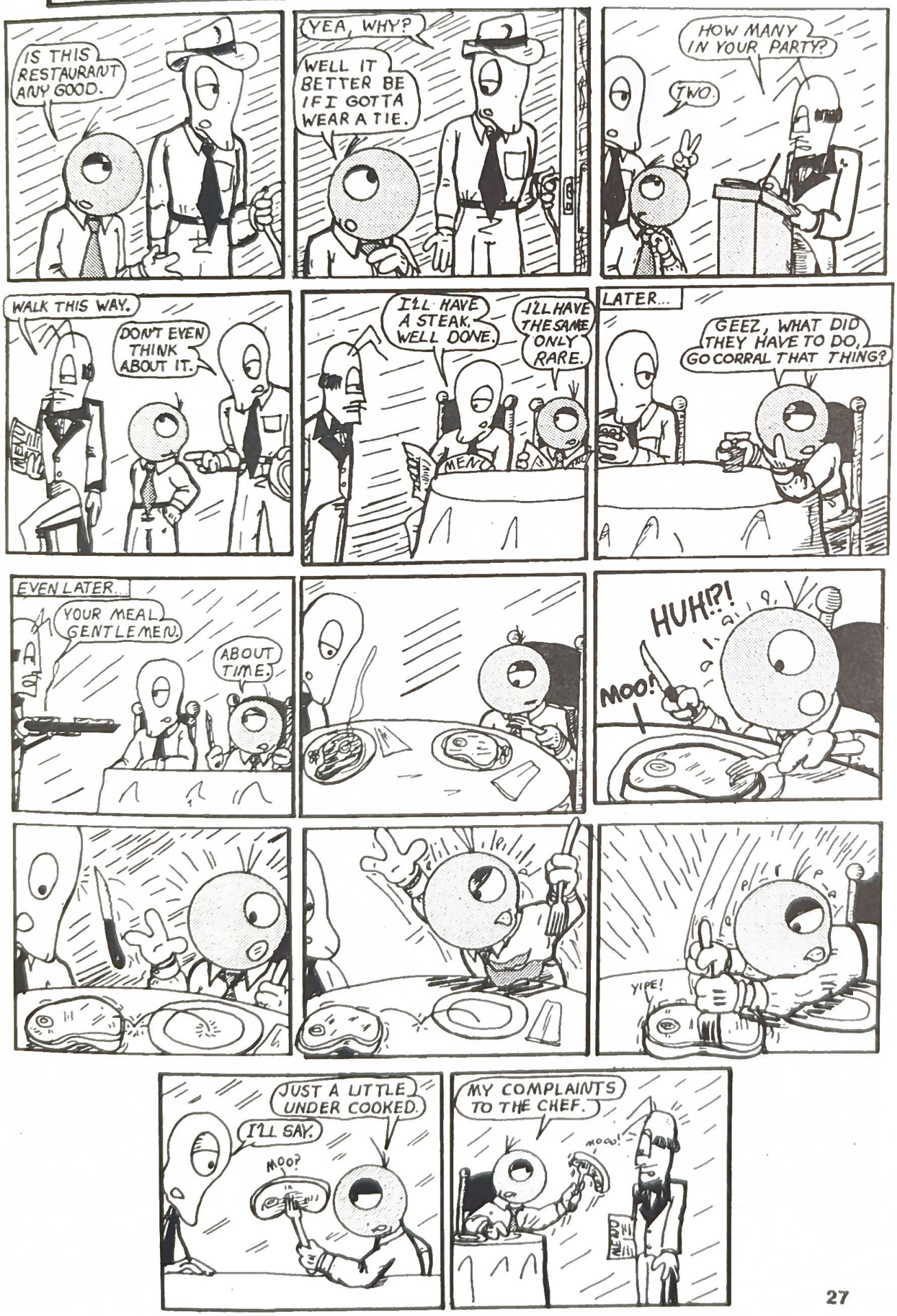
...FOR ONE SPLIT SECOND, MADA'S ARMS SAGGED FROM TOO MUCH KILLING AND THIS GAVE ONE OF THE ATTACKERS HER CHANCE ...
S-SMASH!
.. THE WORLD RIPPED OPEN AND MADA WAS SUCKED DOWN, DOWN, DOWN INTO A SEA OF RED, THROBBING PAIN.

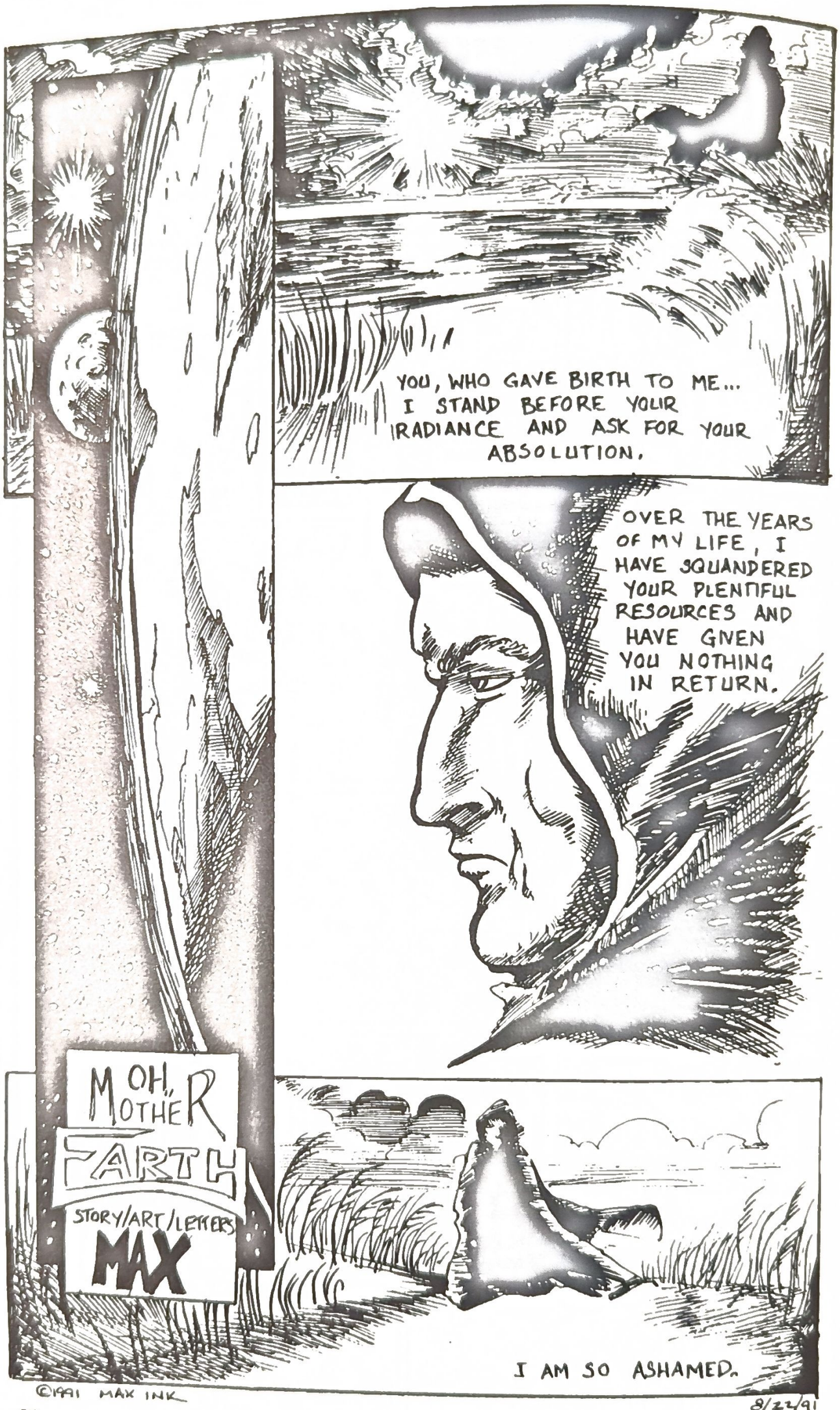

...FOR FLEETING MOMENTS, CONSCIOUSNESS TRIED TO INTRUDE INTO MADA'S REELING BRAIN, BUT ONLY LONG ENOUGH EACH TIME FOR MADA TO BE AWARE THAT HE WAS BEING DRAGGED OVER HARD-PACKED EARTH THAT CONTAINED MANY SHARP STONES...


...THE CYCLONE OF PAIN FINALLY WORE ITSELF DOWN TO A SQUALL OF FEVER AND CHILLS....AFTER AN UNKNOWN LENGTH OF TIME, MADA FORCED HIS ACHING EYELIDS OPEN...
THE END...

FLYIN' RALPH 'RAW IN: MEAL'

BY: L. NEIL PIERCE




YOU, WHO GAVE BIRTH TO ME... I STAND BEFORE YOUR IRADIANCE AND ASK FOR YOUR ABSOLUTION.
OVER THE YEARS OF MY LIFE, I HAVE SQUANDERED YOUR PLENTIFUL RESOURCES AND HAVE GIVEN YOU NOTHING IN RETURN.
OH, MOTHER FARTH
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I AM SO ASHAMED.
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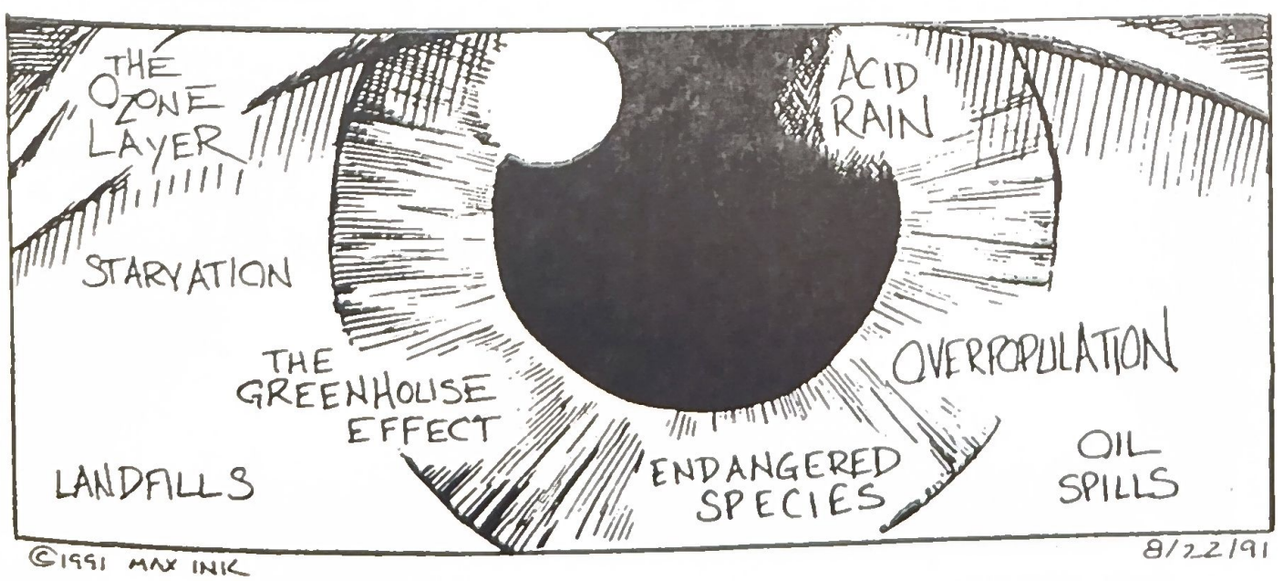

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THIS IS TOO MUCH FOR ONE PERSON TO ENDURE...

...WE ARE ALL HELD ACCOUNTABLE AND AS YOUR CHILDREN, IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CARE FOR YOU.

YOU, MOTHER EARTH, WHO HAS CLOTHED ME, SHELTERED ME, FED ME, TO YOU I OWE EVERYTHING.

TO YOU I OWE MY LIFE.

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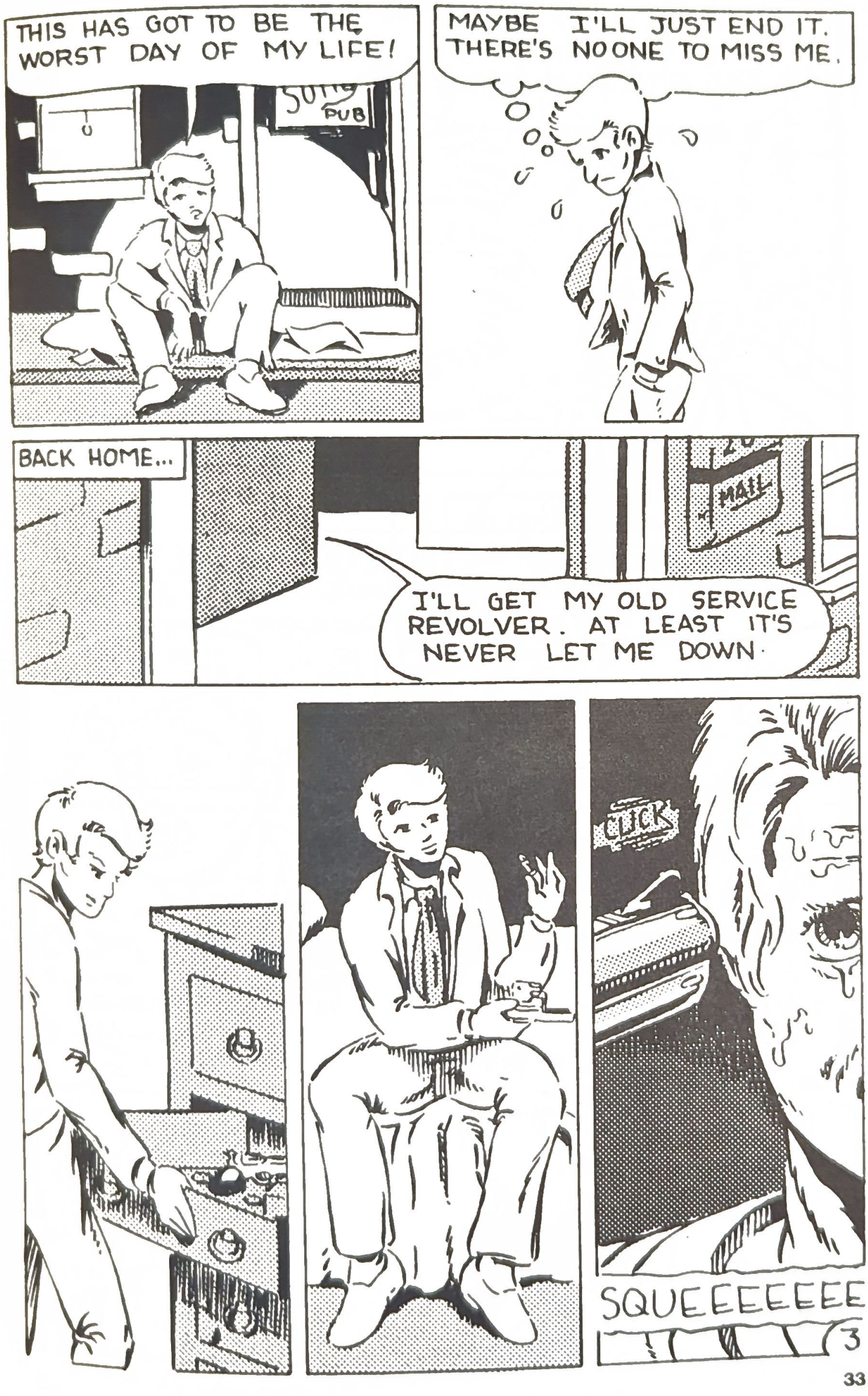
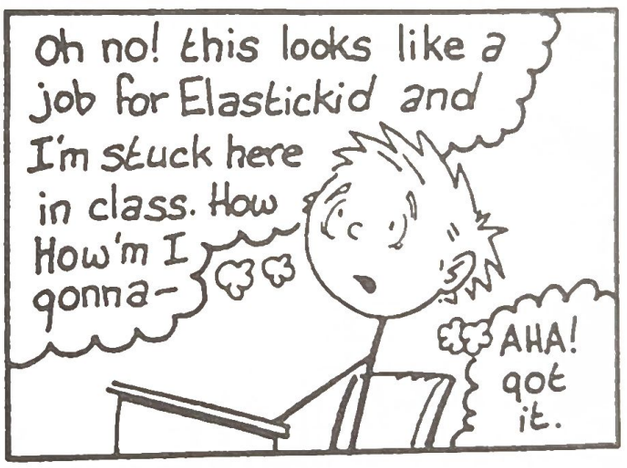
I... I NEED A DRINK.
DAMN THING WON'T START! I'LL JUST WALK!
RR RR R...
AND SO HE DOES. THE WHOLE FOUR MILES TO SULLEY'S PUB.
HEY SULLEY, GIVE ME A DOUBLE ON MY TAB
SORRY, GREG NO TAB HERE
Sulley's PUB
SLAM
HEY MAN, SPARE SOME CHANGE?

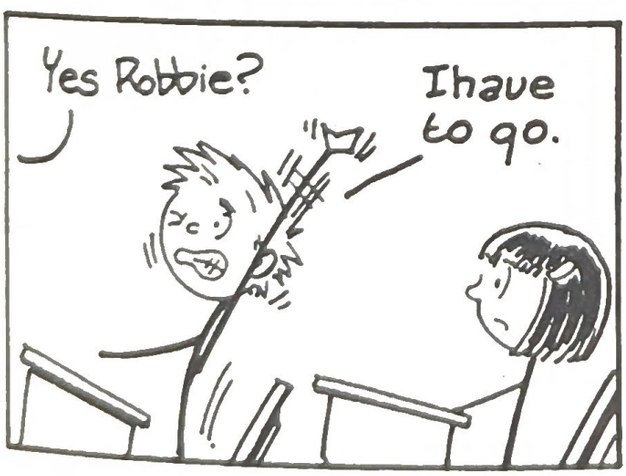

THIS HAS GOT TO BE THE WORST DAY OF MY LIFE!
PUB
MAYBE I'LL JUST END IT. THERE'S NO ONE TO MISS ME.
BACK HOME...
MAIL
I'LL GET MY OLD SERVICE REVOLVER. AT LEAST IT'S NEVER LET ME DOWN.
CLICK
SQUEEEEEEEE
3

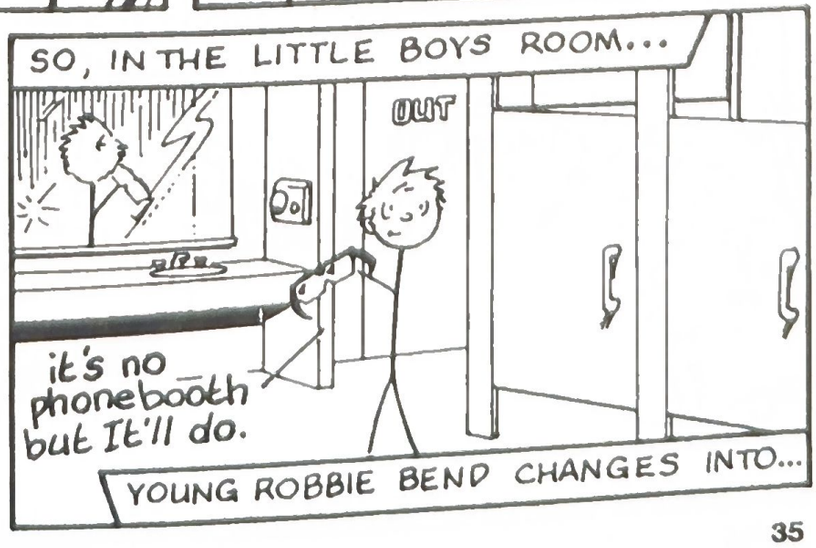
SMILE!! YOU'RE ON TOTALLY CANDID VIDEO AND PRACTICAL GAGS!
HEE
HEH HEH HA
HA HA
WE REALLY HAD YOU GOING! I'LL BET YOU'RE RELIEVED!
YEAH, BOB, I'VE DECIDED NOT TO KILL MYSELF...
SNAP
KRACKLE
POP
I'LL GET YOU INSTEAD!
FOOM FOOM FOOM
I FIGURED THIS WOULD EVENTUALLY HAPPEN.

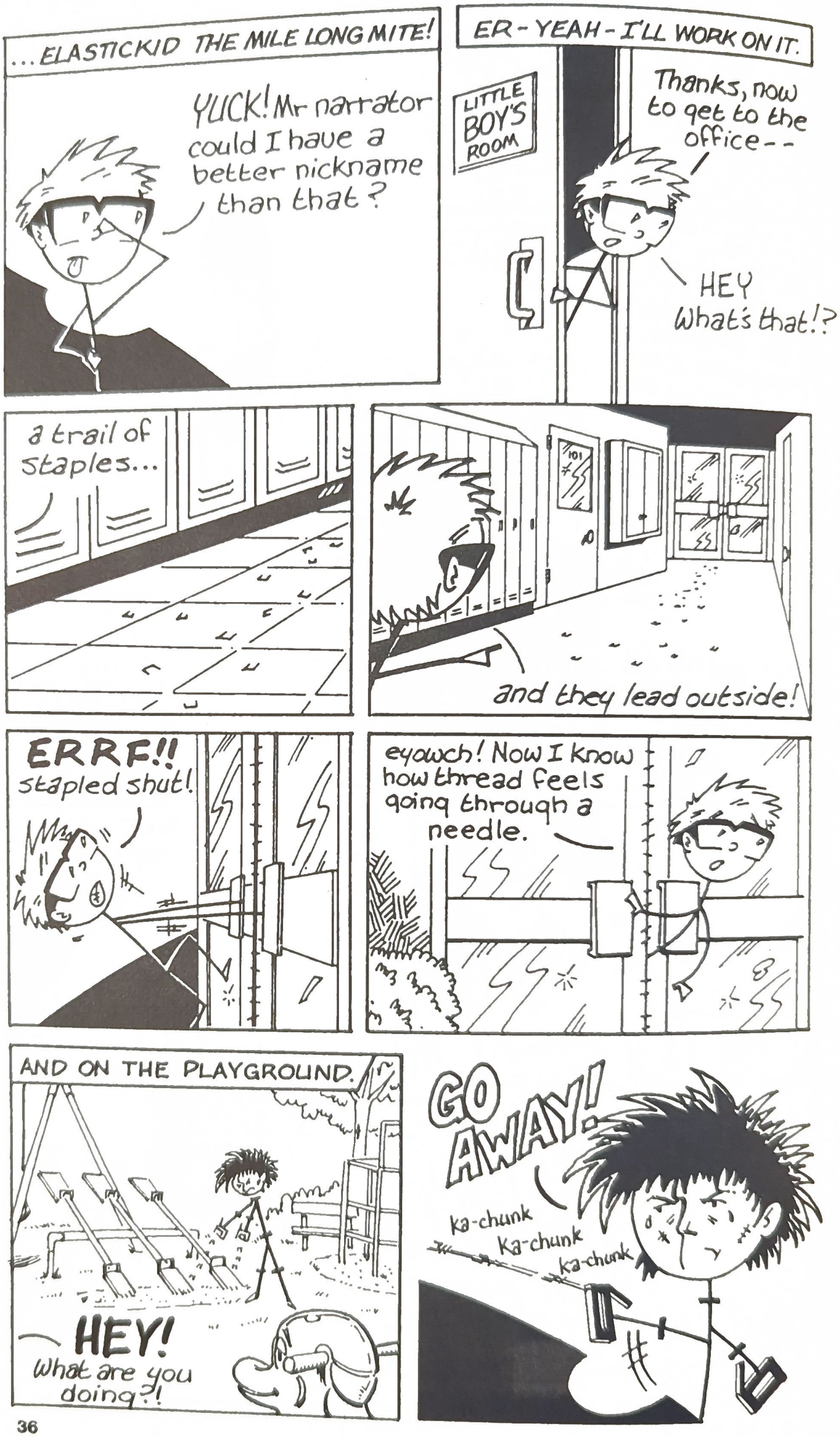
Elastickid MEETS A VILLAIN WITH NO CLASS!

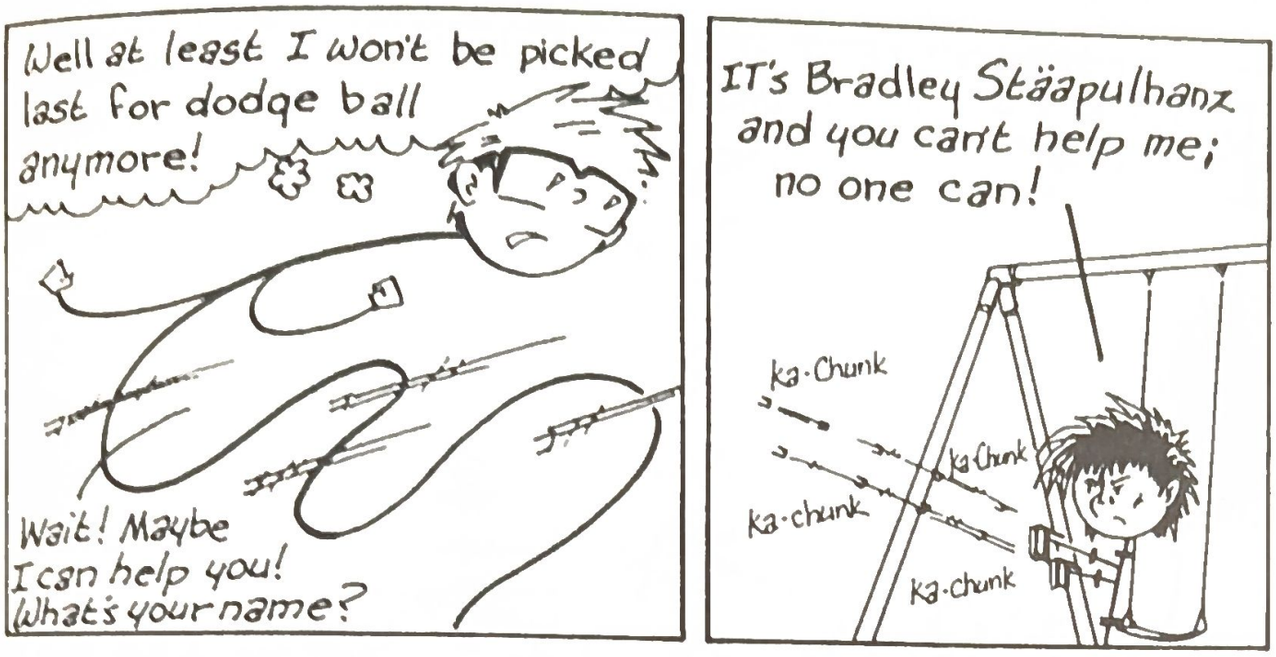
PRESENTING A MIKE CARROLL / WILLARD PETREY PRODUCTION.
FROM A IDEA BY MICHELLE CARROLL

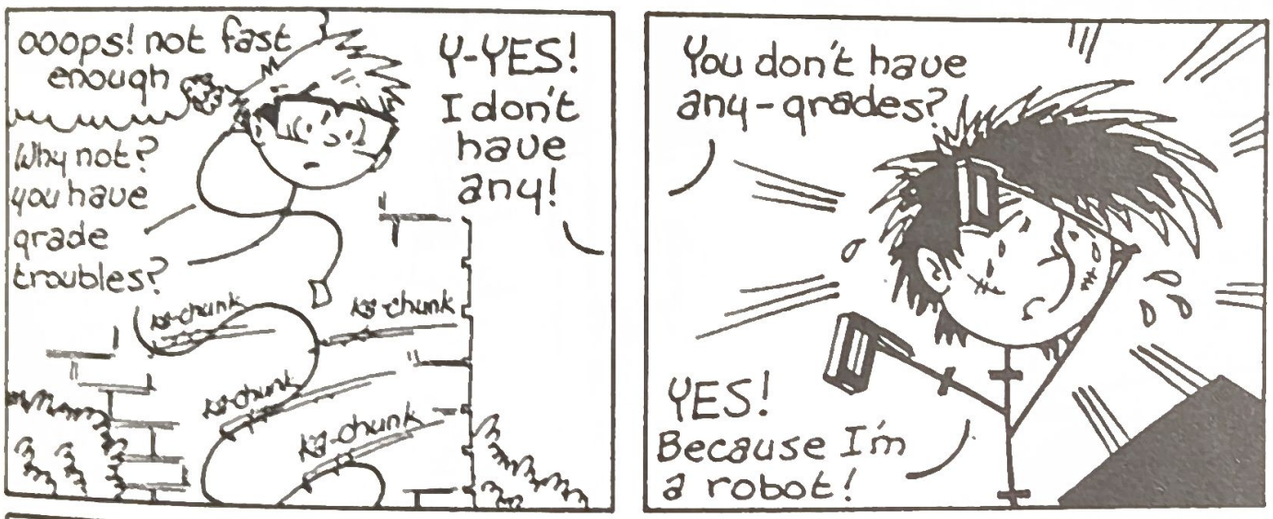


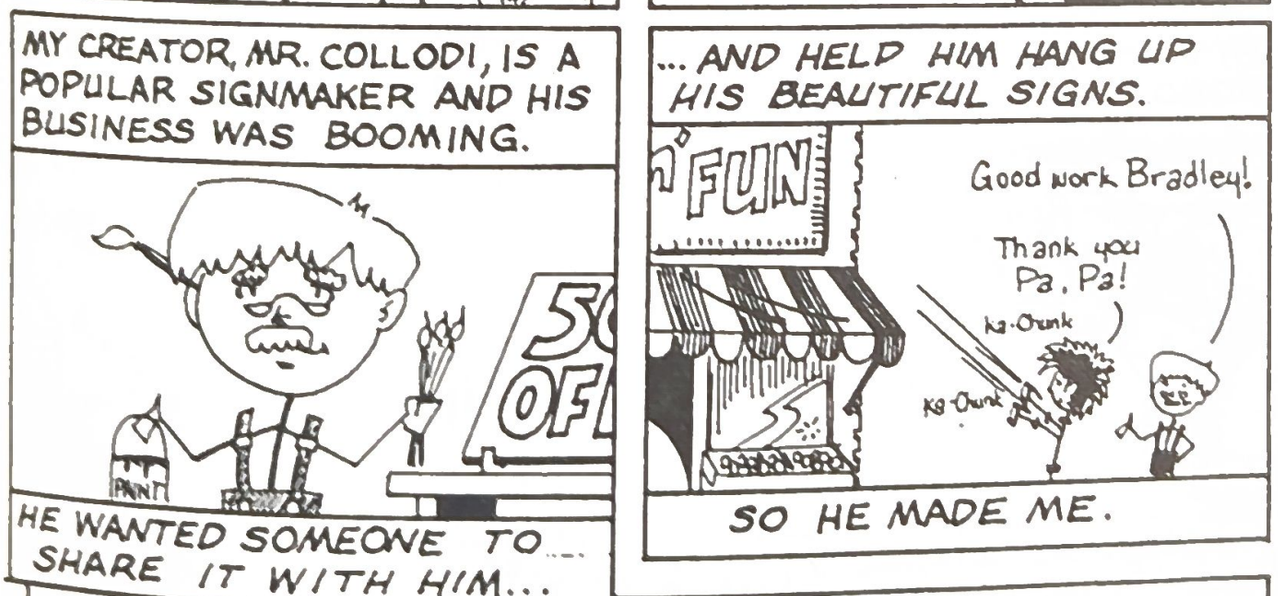


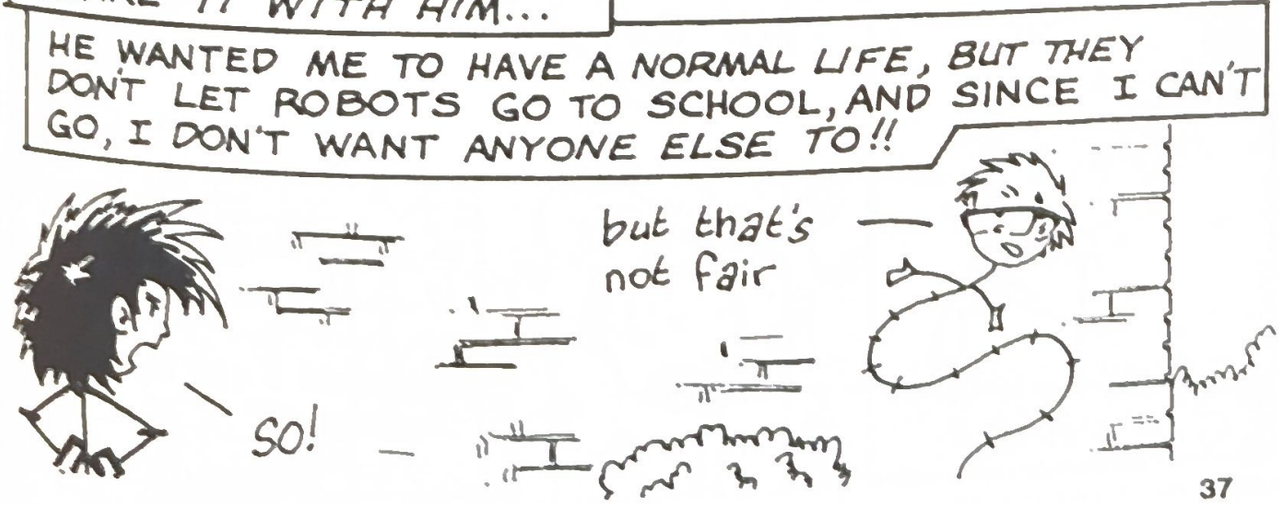


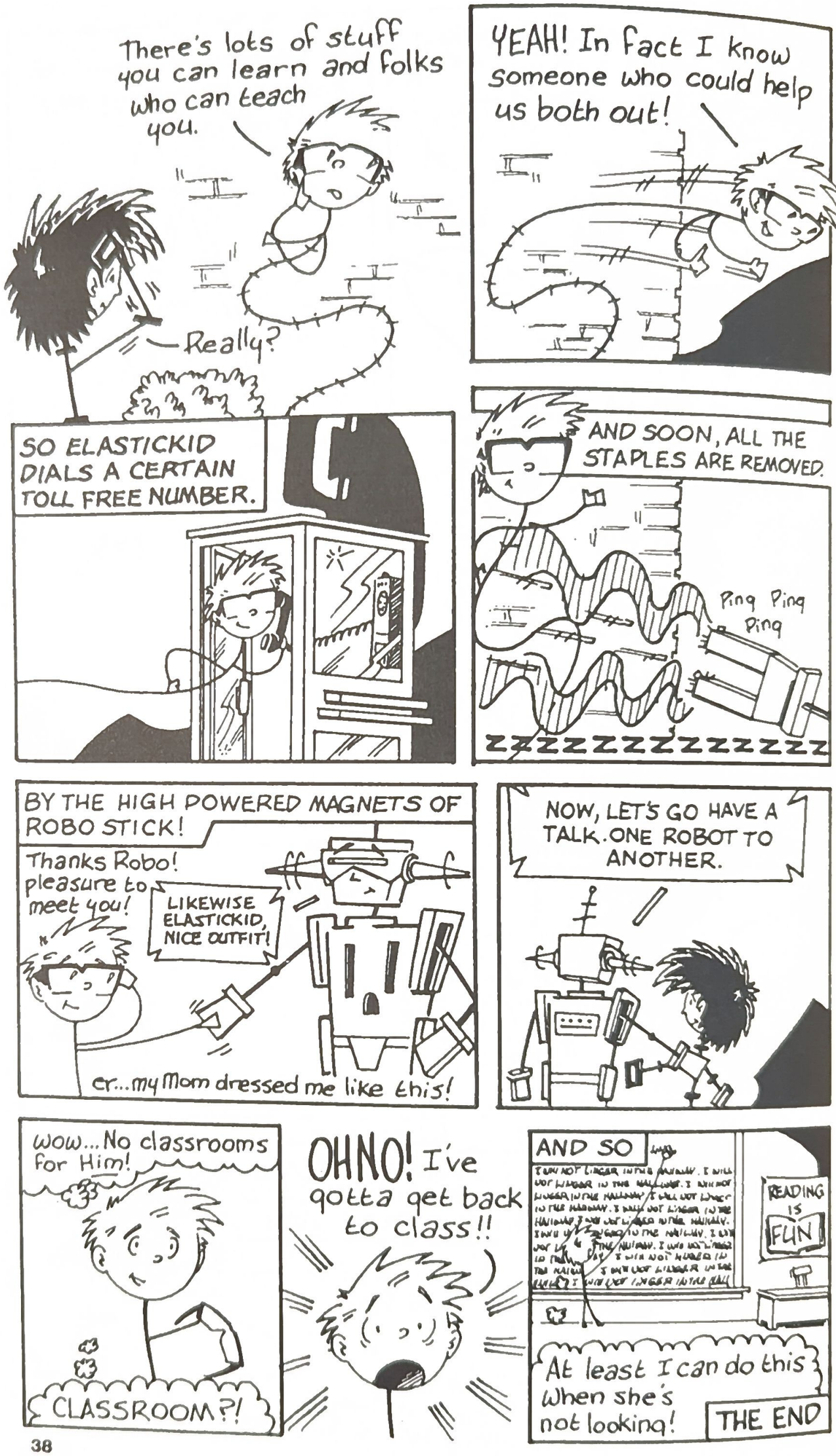

...ELASTICKID THE MILE LONG MITE!
YUCK! Mr narrator could I have a better nickname than that?
ER - YEAH - I'LL WORK ON IT.
LITTLE BOY'S ROOM
Thanks, now to get to the office--
HEY What's that!?
a trail of staples...
101
and they lead outside!
ERRF!! stapled shut!
eyawch! Now I know how thread feels going through a needle.
AND ON THE PLAYGROUND.
HEY! What are you doing?!
GO AWAY!
ka-chunk
Ka-chunk
ka-chunk

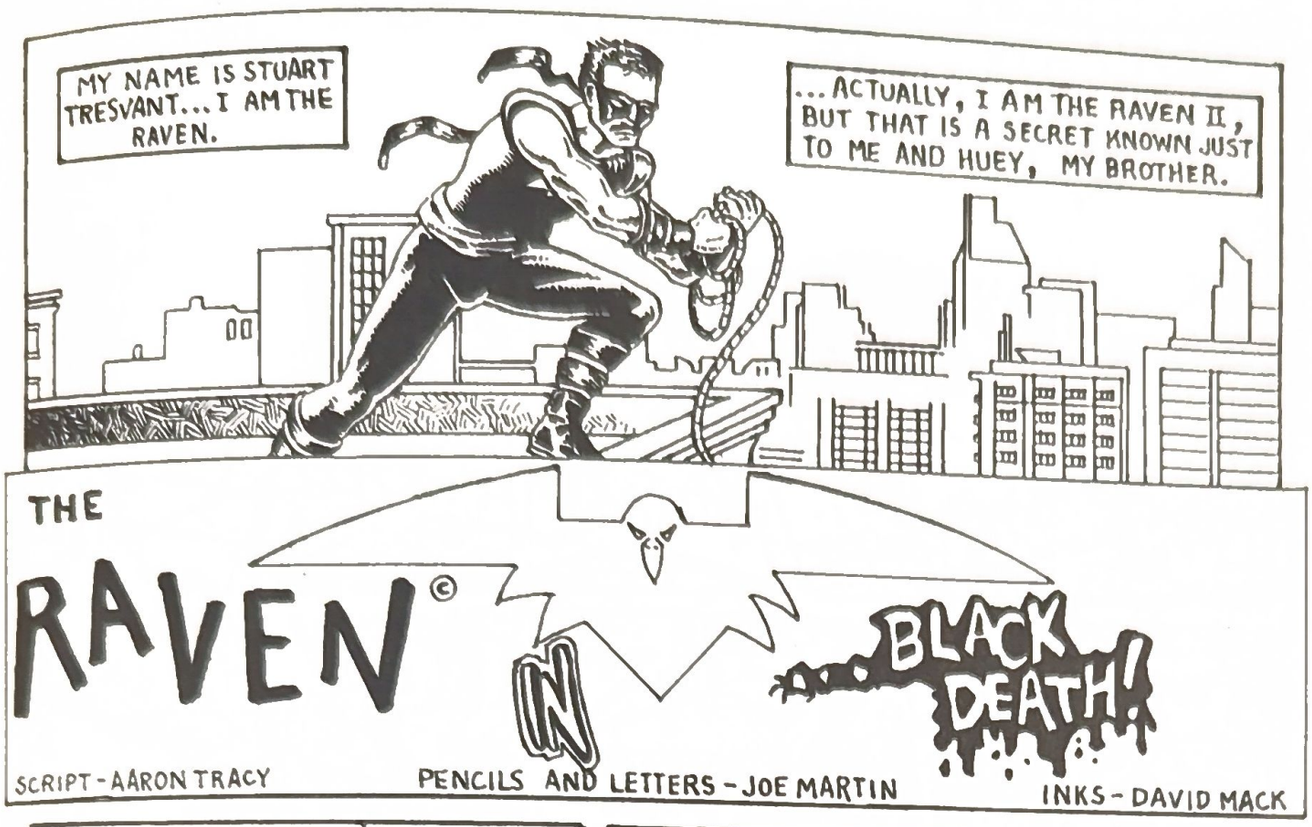

Well at least I won't be picked last for dodge ball anymore!
Wait! Maybe I can help you! What's your name?
IT's Bradley Stäapulhanz and you can't help me; no one can!
ka-Chunk
ka-chunk
ka-chunk
ka-chunk

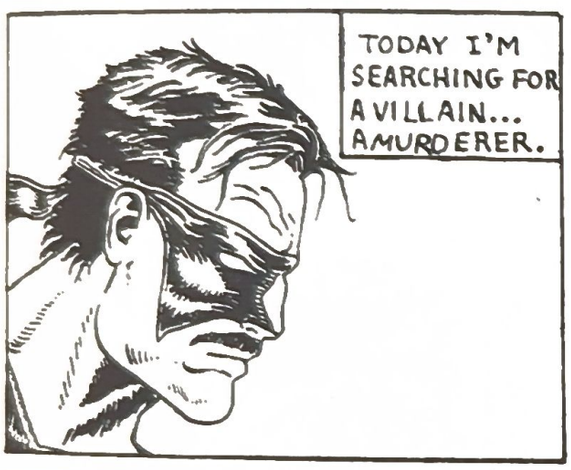

ooops! not fast enough
Why not? you have grade troubles?
Y-YES! I don't have any!
ka-chunk
ka-chunk
ka-chunk
ka-chunk
You don't have any-grades?
YES! Because I'm a robot!

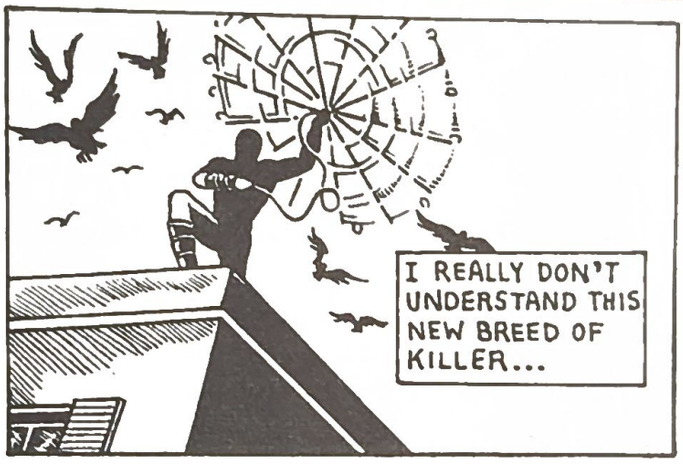

MY CREATOR, MR. COLLODI, IS A POPULAR SIGNMAKER AND HIS BUSINESS WAS BOOMING.
HE WANTED SOMEONE TO... SHARE IT WITH HIM...
... AND HELP HIM HANG UP HIS BEAUTIFUL SIGNS.
FUN
Good work Bradley!
Thank you Pa, Pa!
ka-Chunk
ka-Chunk
SO HE MADE ME.

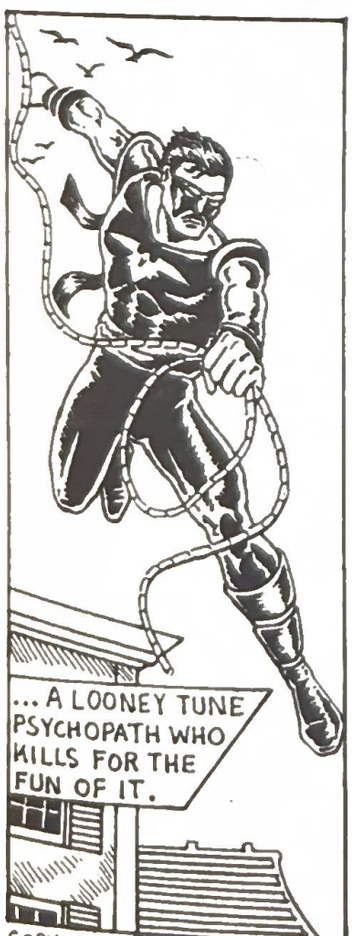

HE WANTED ME TO HAVE A NORMAL LIFE, BUT THEY DON'T LET ROBOTS GO TO SCHOOL, AND SINCE I CAN'T GO, I DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE TO!!
but that's not fair
SO!

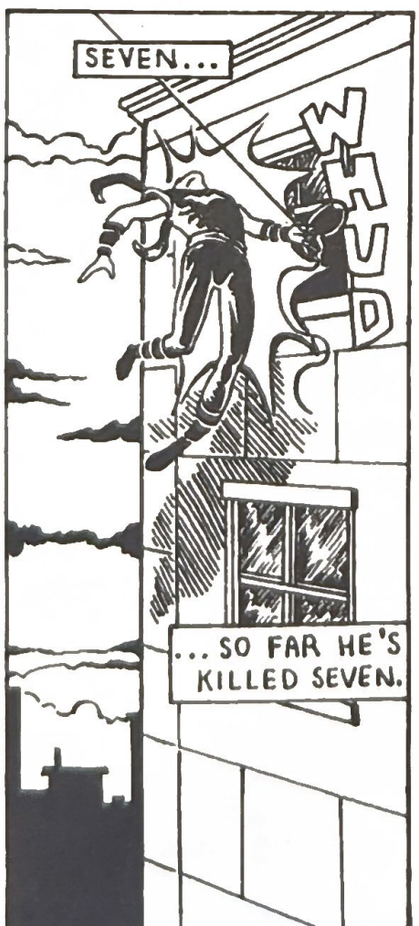

There's lots of stuff you can learn and folks who can teach you.
Really?
YEAH! In fact I know someone who could help us both out!
SO ELASTICKID DIALS A CERTAIN TOLL FREE NUMBER.
AND SOON, ALL THE STAPLES ARE REMOVED.
Ping Ping Ping
ZZZZZZZZZZZZZ
BY THE HIGH POWERED MAGNETS OF ROBO STICK!
Thanks Robo! pleasure to meet you!
LIKEWISE ELASTICKID, NICE OUTFIT!
er...my Mom dressed me like this!
NOW, LET'S GO HAVE A TALK. ONE ROBOT TO ANOTHER.
wow...No classrooms for Him!
CLASSROOM?!
OHNO! I've gotta get back to class!!
AND SO
I WILL NOT LINGER IN THE HALLWAY.
READING IS FUN
At least I can do this when she's not looking!
THE END











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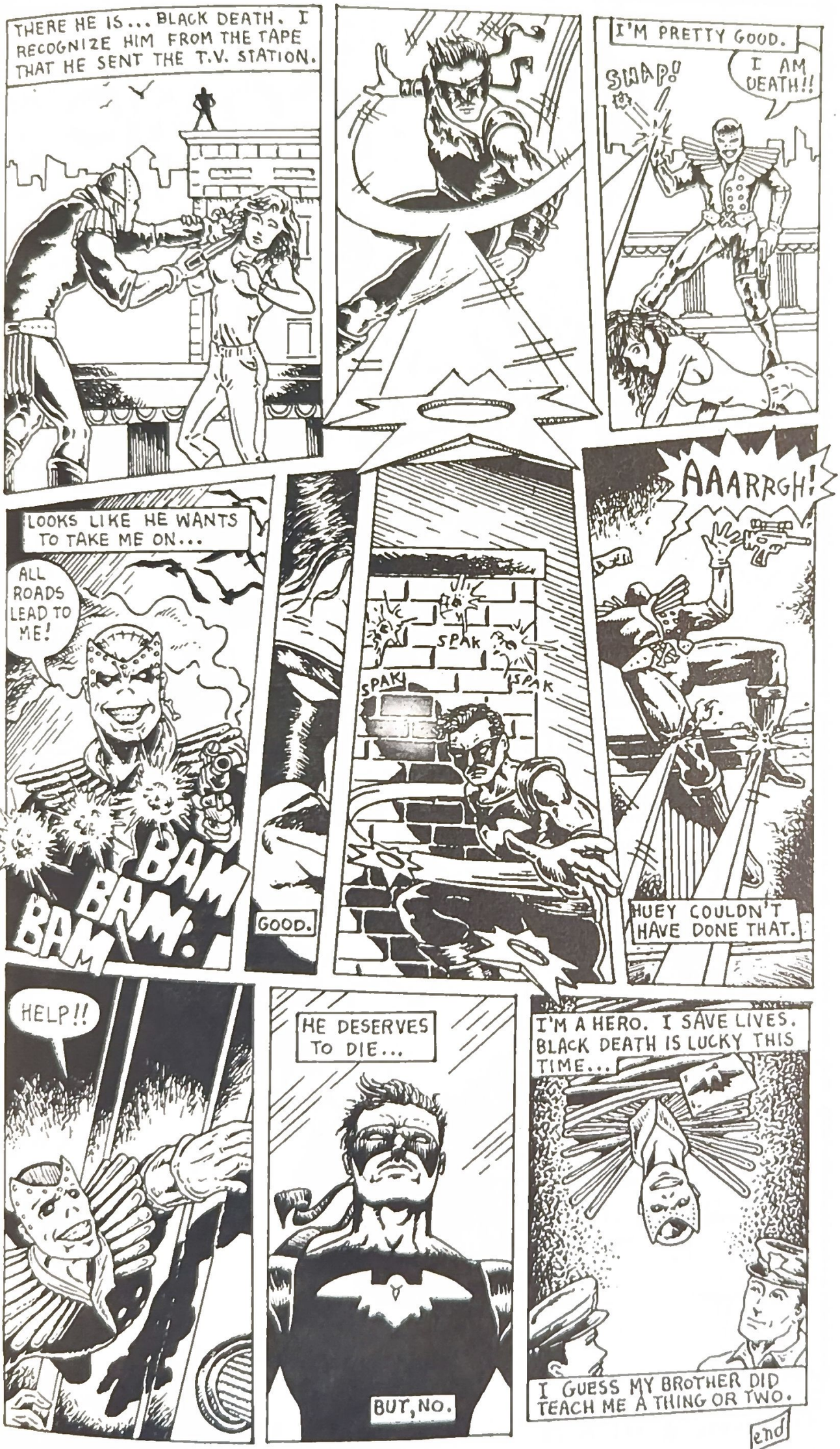
MADE IT!
THE POLICE DON'T HAVE MANY LEADS.
I'M NOT MUCH OF A DETECTIVE. THAT WAS HUEY'S GAME BEFORE HE WAS CRIPPLED.
ME? I JUST SWING AROUND AND BEAT UP MUGGERS AND STUFF.
BUT YOU NEVER KNOW... THIS NIGHT, I MAY GET LUCKY...
AIEEE
YEAH, LUCKY...
THAT SCREAM WAS FAIRLY CLOSE. I CAN PINPOINT IT AND GET THERE IN A FLASH...


THERE HE IS... BLACK DEATH. I RECOGNIZE HIM FROM THE TAPE THAT HE SENT THE T.V. STATION.
I'M PRETTY GOOD.
SWAP!
I AM DEATH!!
LOOKS LIKE HE WANTS TO TAKE ME ON...
ALL ROADS LEAD TO ME!
BAM BAM BAM
GOOD.
SPAK
SPAK
SPAK
AAARRGH!
HUEY COULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT.
HELP!!
HE DESERVES TO DIE...
BUT, NO.
I'M A HERO. I SAVE LIVES. BLACK DEATH IS LUCKY THIS TIME...
I GUESS MY BROTHER DID TEACH ME A THING OR TWO.
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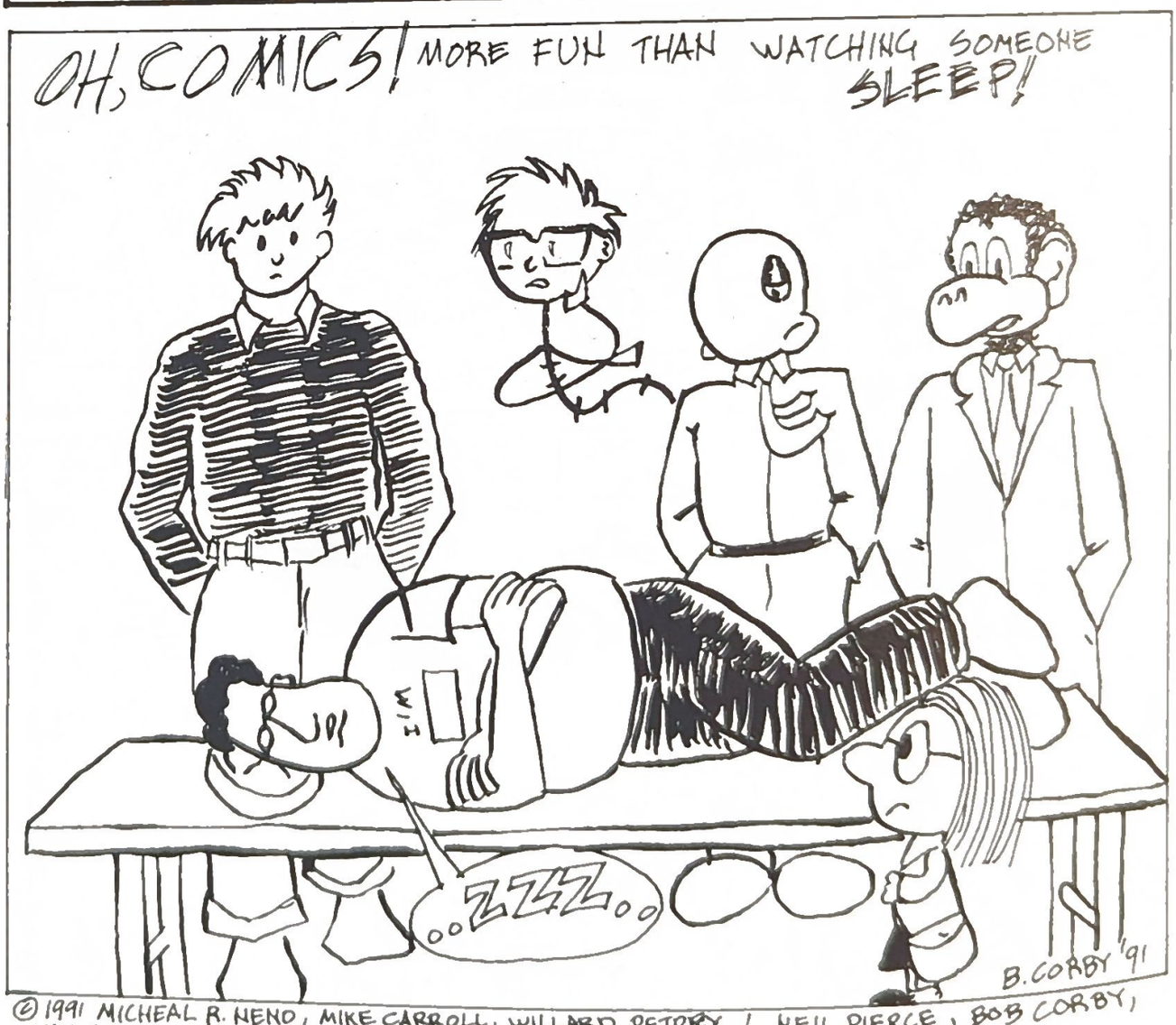

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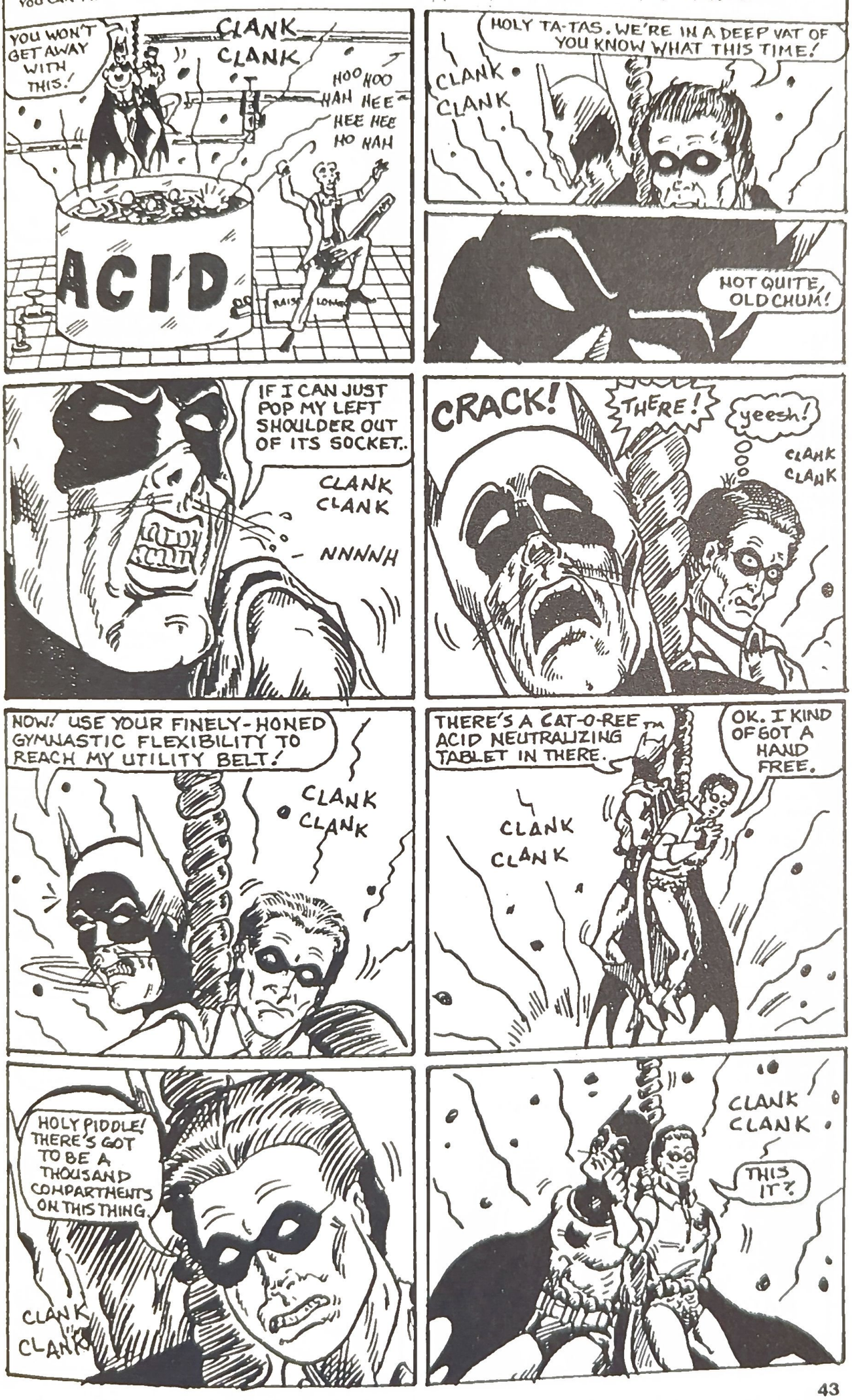

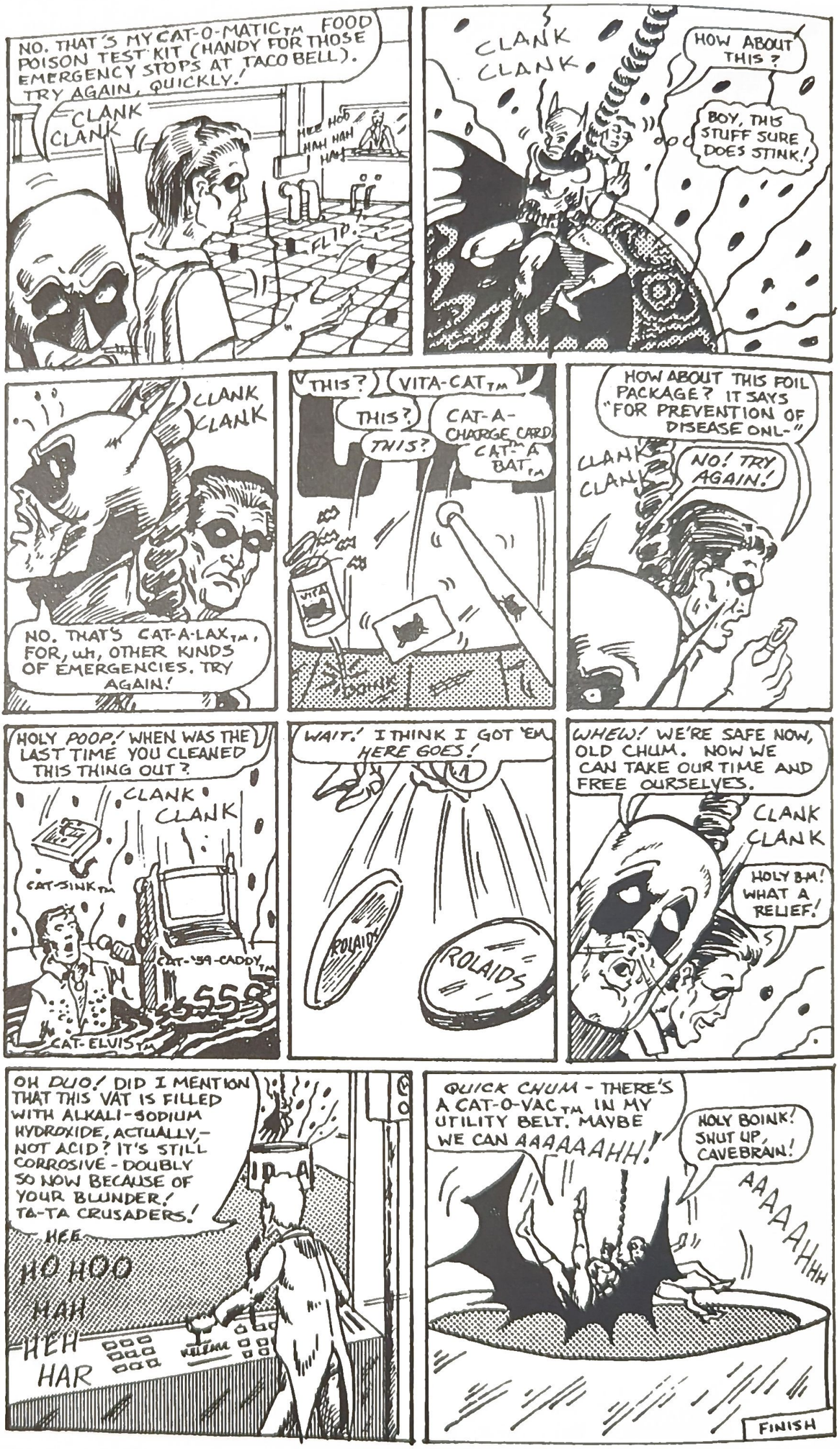
NO. THAT'S MY CAT-O-MATIC™ FOOD POISON TEST KIT (HANDY FOR THOSE EMERGENCY STOPS AT TACO BELL). TRY AGAIN, QUICKLY!
CLANK CLANK
HEE HOO HAH HAH HAH
FLIP.
CLANK CLANK
HOW ABOUT THIS?
BOY, THIS STUFF SURE DOES STINK!
CLANK CLANK
NO. THAT'S CAT-A-LAX™, FOR, uh, OTHER KINDS OF EMERGENCIES. TRY AGAIN!
THIS?
VITA-CAT™
THIS?
CAT-A-CHARGE CARD
THIS?
CAT-A-BAT™
VITA
HOW ABOUT THIS FOIL PACKAGE? IT SAYS "FOR PREVENTION OF DISEASE ONL-"
CLANK CLANK
NO! TRY AGAIN!
HOLY POOP! WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU CLEANED THIS THING OUT?
CLANK CLANK
CAT-SINK™
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WAIT! I THINK I GOT 'EM. HERE GOES!
ROLAIDS
ROLAIDS
WHEW! WE'RE SAFE NOW, OLD CHUM. NOW WE CAN TAKE OUR TIME AND FREE OURSELVES.
CLANK CLANK
HOLY B-M! WHAT A RELIEF!
OH DUO! DID I MENTION THAT THIS VAT IS FILLED WITH ALKALI-SODIUM HYDROXIDE, ACTUALLY, - NOT ACID? IT'S STILL CORROSIVE - DOUBLY SO NOW BECAUSE OF YOUR BLUNDER! TA-TA CRUSADERS!
HEE HO HOO HAH HEH HAR
QUICK CHUM - THERE'S A CAT-O-VAC™ IN MY UTILITY BELT. MAYBE WE CAN AAAAAAHH!
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AAAAAHHH
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YOU'LL BE RECIEVING A VISITOR SHORTLY..
HE PARTICIPATED IN ONE OF YOUR BLIND TASTE TESTS....
IACOKA COLA BOTTLERS
KRANG
VRROOOM!
KLIK!
AND TRIED YOUR 'NEW FORMULA' SODA.
RRRRR
SSSSSSSSSSSSSS
KABOOM!!
DOWNFALL!
SMASH!
CRUMBLE!!
HE DID NOT LIKE IT!
JUST FOR THE WASTE OF IT.. DIET CHOKE!!
END

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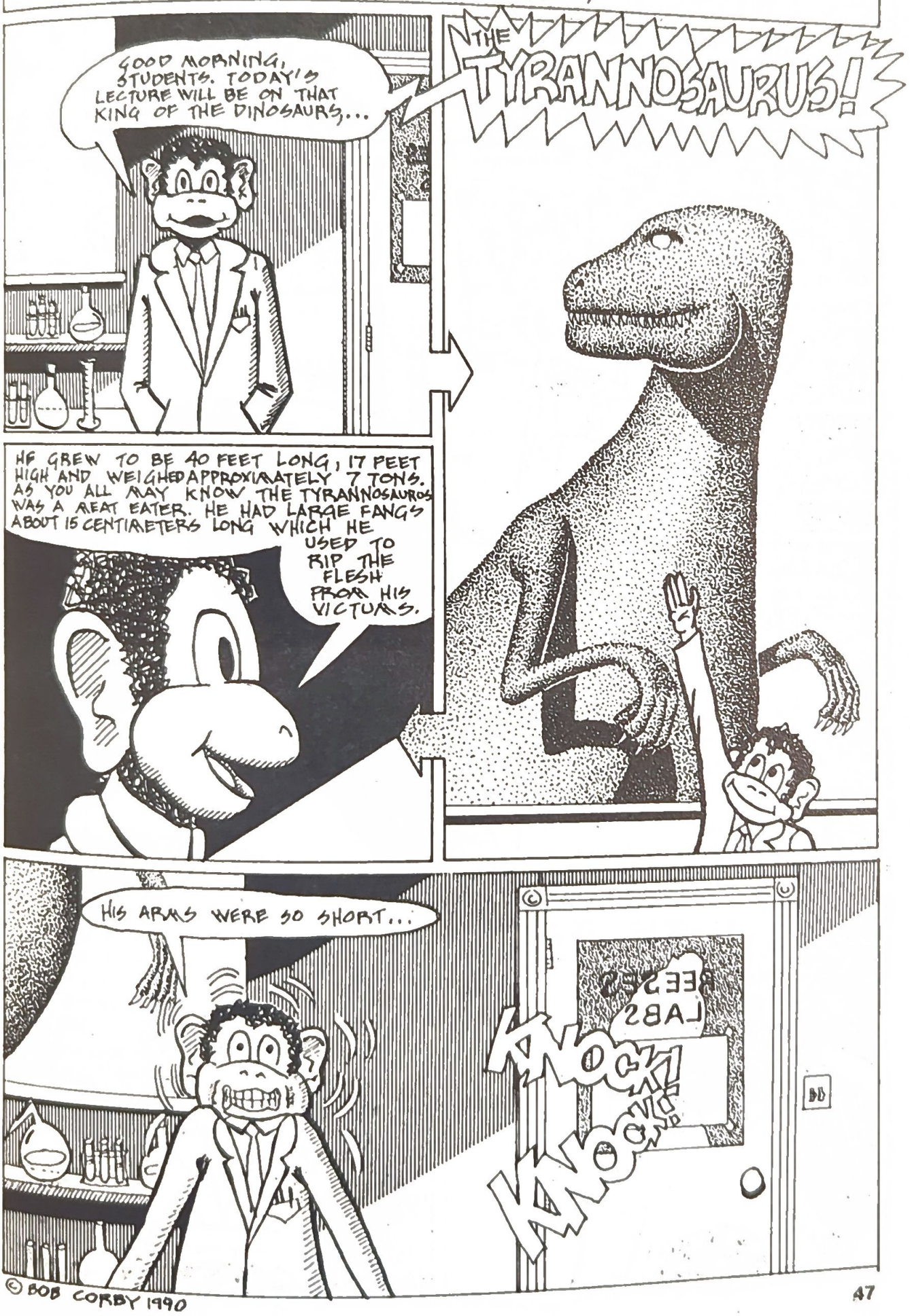

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THAT HE COULDN'T EVEN REACH HIS MOUTH.
YES?
REEGES LABS
SORRY NO CREDIT (MIKE BLUES THIS MEANS YOU!!)
YES.
THAT'LL BE $8.50
YOU ORDER A PIZZA?
PIZZA
PIZZA REX
LIKE ALL THE OTHER DINOSAURS HE BECAME EXTINCT BECAUSE OF HIS SMALL BRAIN, LACK OF ADAPTABILITY AND...
...OBVIOUS LACK OF EMPLOYABLE SKILLS.
AH... AND OBVIOUS LACK OF EMPLOYABLE SKILLS.
HERE I KEEP THE CHANGE.
THANKS!
SLAM!
?
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE! WHERE'S THE ANCHOVIES!

ZZZZZZ
THE ADVENTURES OF NARCOLEPTIC MAN
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THE FIRST BANK
OH MY! ITS A BANK ROBBERY IN PROGRESS
WELL I BETTER JUST REACH INTO MY SECRET HIDDEN PLACE POCKETS AND
I'M NOT NARCOLEPTIC MAN
SEARCH SCRATCH SEARCH
SEARCH SEARCH SEARCH
SNEAK SNEAK
I'M SLAP
TURN INTO NARCOLEPTIC MAN
I'M NARCOLEPTIC MAN
STOP THIEVES FOR JUSTICE HAS ARRIVED
LETS SHOOT THIS GUY!
NO HOLD ON! LOOK!
YAWN! I'M SO SLEEPY
HA! HE IS NARCOLEPTIC MAN
$
FROM THE SECRET HIDDEN COMPARTMENT UNDER NARCOLEPTIC MANS CHIN, SPRINGS FORTH THE SECRET NARCOLEPTIC MAN PILLOW.
ZZZZZ
THPPT
SOMETIME SOON THEREAFTER
ZZZZ
WHERE AM I!
THE END

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